



# THE BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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**Gloria  
Molina**

## Second District



**Yvonne  
Brathwaite  
Burke**

## Third District



**Zev  
Yaroslavsky**

## Fourth District



**Don  
Knabe**

## Fifth District



**Michael D.  
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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                               **TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004.**

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4       There is no reportable action as a result of the Board of  
5       Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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9       **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WOULD CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. I WOULD  
10      ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE STAND. WE WILL BE LED IN THE INVOCATION  
11      TODAY BY THE REVEREND GERARDO BRAMBILIA, ST. MARGARET'S  
12      EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTHGATE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF  
13      ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED BY JOSEPH SMITH, OUR DIRECTOR OF  
14      OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIR. REVEREND?

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16      **REVEREND GERARDO BRAMBILIA:** THANK YOU. ALMIGHTY GOD, SEND DOWN  
17      UPON THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE IN THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE  
18      SPIRIT OF WISDOM, CHARITY, AND JUSTICE. THAT, WITH A STEADFAST  
19      PURPOSE, THEY MAY FAITHFULLY SERVE IN THEIR OFFICES TO PROMOTE  
20      THE WELLBEING OF ALL PEOPLE. AND, FINALLY, TEACH OUR PEOPLE TO  
21      RELY ON YOUR STRENGTH AND TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO  
22      THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS THAT THEY MAY ELECT TRUSTWORTHY LEADERS  
23      AND MAKE WISE DECISIONS FOR THE WELLBEING OF OUR SOCIETY THAT  
24      WE MAY SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY IN OUR GENERATION AND HONOR YOUR  
25      HOLY NAME. AMEN.



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2 **JOSEPH SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
3 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S MY PLEASURE-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL  
6 BE ARRIVING A BIT LATE TODAY TO PRESENT REVEREND BRAMBILIA A  
7 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR COMING DOWN HERE TODAY. HE WAS  
8 BORN AND RAISED IN MEXICO CITY. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S  
9 DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WHICH LED TO A CAREER IN  
10 BANKING. AFTER ATTENDING THE THEOLOGICAL -- EPISCOPAL  
11 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN TEXAS, HE BECAME AN ORDAINED EPISCOPAL  
12 PRIEST AND HE CURRENTLY LEADS THE CONGREGATION AT ST.  
13 MARGARET'S CHURCH IN SOUTHGATE. THE CHURCH IS VERY COMMUNITY  
14 ORIENTED AND REACHES OUT THROUGH SUCH EFFORTS AS FOOD BANKS,  
15 YOUTH PROGRAMS, AND HAS BEEN A VERY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE  
16 SOUTHEAST AREAS CHURCHES IN ACTION. SO WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
17 FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO COME DOWN AND  
18 LEAD US, REVEREND, AND WISH YOU THE VERY, VERY BEST AND GOD  
19 SPEED. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO THE AGENDA.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. I'LL ANNOUNCE THE CONTINUED  
25 ITEMS AND THEN WE'LL GO THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND,



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1 AFTER THE BOARD PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC  
2 HEARING MATTERS. SO, ON PAGE 6, ON ITEM NUMBER 2, AS NOTED ON  
3 THE AGENDA, CANCEL THE AUCTION AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
5 RETURN THE UNOPENED BIDS. AND IF WE COULD GET A MOTION ON  
6 THAT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR  
9 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, SUPERVISOR  
12 KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, AS  
13 NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE BOARD INDICATED IT'S CONTENT TO  
14 CONTINUE THE HEARING TO MAY 25TH, 2004.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 10, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 15 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD  
20 FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL WITHDRAW MY HOLD. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH, CHAIR WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 24, HOLD FOR  
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 25.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
9 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, NUMBER  
12 26.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH. ON ITEM 27, AS NOTED ON  
18 THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE  
19 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 27.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S REFER BACK. OKAY. SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEM 28.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
5 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
8 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
10 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
11 29-A.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WOULD  
14 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-B.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-C.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
24 THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-D.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
4 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-E.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-F.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR  
14 WOULD SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-G.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 29-H.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
24 THE CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALSO, ON PAGE 15, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM  
2 PREVIOUS MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE  
3 BOARD, AND I'LL READ THIS INTO THE RECORD. ITEM A-3, "JOINT  
4 RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CHIEF  
5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF  
6 PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH  
7 MCCARTHY CLARK HUNT FOR THE L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER  
8 REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO RE-SEQUENCE AND ACCELERATE WORK TO  
9 RECOVER 65 CALENDAR DAYS OF CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE DELAY  
10 INCURRED DUE TO INACCURATE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT  
11 NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 AND TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT COMPLETION  
12 DATE 50 DAYS TO MARCH 12, 2007." THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13 (INDISTINCT VOICES)

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, I WOULD, TOO.

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17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, SO WE'LL HOLD THIS ITEM.

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19 **SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING  
22 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. (INDISTINCT VOICE)

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. SUPERVISOR BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL JAMES GUNN

3 FORWARD. THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, A SCREENING OF THE FILM,

4 "SCOOBY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED" WILL BE HELD AT THE MAGIC

5 JOHNSON THEATER COMPLEX AT THE BALDWIN HILLS MALL. GUESTS WILL

6 BE 300 CHILDREN FROM SELECTED SCHOOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT

7 AND FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER HIGH RISK

8 INFANT PROGRAM. THIS SCREENING IS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

9 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECOND DISTRICT AND WARNER BROTHERS

10 PICTURES, THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE FILM. THE MISSION OF THE

11 PARTNERSHIP IS TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWER YOUTH THROUGH POSITIVE

12 FILM IMAGERY THAT PROMOTES LEARNING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING

13 TECHNIQUES. THE STORY LINE OF "SCOOBY DOO 2: MONSTERS

14 UNLEASHED" GOES LIKE THIS: SCOOBY AND THE GANG LOSE THEIR COOL

15 AND THEIR STELLAR REPUTATION WHEN AN ANONYMOUS MASKED VILLAIN

16 CAUSES MAYHEM IN THE CITY OF COOLSVILLE WITH HIS MONSTER

17 MACHINE, WHICH RECREATES CLASSIC MYSTERY INK FOES SUCH AS

18 SERDATO GHOST AND THE 10,000 VOLT GHOST. IF YOU WANT TO FIND

19 OUT HOW SCOOBY AND HIS GANG OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM, WELL,

20 YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE THE FILM. IT'S BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED

21 BY HANNAH-BARBERA PRODUCTIONS AND WAS SCRIPTED BY JAMES GUNN.

22 JAMES GUNN IS HERE WITH US TODAY TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL

23 COMMEMORATING THE DECLARATION OF MARCH 26TH, 2004, THE DATE

24 THE FILM IS BEING RELEASED THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA, AS



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1 "SCOOPY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED" DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES. [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **JAMES GUNN:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS  
5 TERRIFIC. "SCOOPY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED" DAY, WE'D LIKE TO  
6 ACCEPT THIS, SCOOPY AND I, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FILMMAKERS AND  
7 WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO. THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY I LOVE  
8 SCOOPY DOO. HE IS FAR FROM PERFECT. HE CAN BE A GLUTTON, HE'S  
9 A LITTLE BIT GASSY, HE'S A BIG COWARD, WHICH WE ALL KNOW, BUT  
10 ONE THING THAT'S TRUE ABOUT SCOOPY IS, ALTHOUGH HE'S FEARFUL,  
11 HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE CAN TO HELP HIS FRIENDS. HE ALWAYS DOES  
12 THE BEST HE CAN TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY AND THAT'S THE REAL  
13 REASON WHY I DEEPLY LOVE THIS CHARACTER IS BECAUSE HE IS  
14 REALLY A CHARACTER FOR OUR TIMES. HE'S ABLE TO BE AFRAID, AS  
15 MANY OF US ARE AND MANY CHILDREN ARE TODAY, AND STILL GO AHEAD  
16 AND DO THE RIGHT THING AND BE HIMSELF AND BE WHO HE REALLY IS.  
17 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THIS SPECIAL SCREENING ON  
18 MARCH 27TH ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
19 HIGH-RISK INFANT PROGRAM AND ALSO SELECT SPECIAL SECOND  
20 DISTRICT SCHOOLS. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE  
21 THIS. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ] [ LAUGHTER ]

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T BRING THEM TODAY. WOULD THEY BE  
24 AFRAID OF SCOOPY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE MORE PICTURE. ONE



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1 MORE PICTURE. HE HAS LITTLE KIDS THAT WANT SCOOPY'S PICTURE  
2 WITH HIM. [ LAUGHTER ] (INDISTINCT VOICES) [ LAUGHTER ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY LITTLE THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD LOVES  
5 SCOOPY DOO SO... I SAY, MY LITTLE MICHAEL AND MARY LOVE SCOOPY  
6 DOO. THEY WATCHED THE FILM AND ALSO THE CARTOONS SO, VERY  
7 GOOD. I THOUGHT MAYBE HE WAS GOING TO BE HERE FOR THE DOG  
8 ADOPTION TIME BUT I GUESS NOT. [ LAUGHTER ]

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** HE'LL BE OUT WITH THE KIDS TOMORROW.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK ERIC WEBBER TO  
16 JOIN ME UP HERE. IS ERIC HERE YET? HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME.  
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ERIC WEBBER HAS SERVED THE CITIZENS OF  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 32 YEARS AND, THROUGH HIS  
19 EFFORTS AND THE POSITIONS HE HAS HELD, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO  
20 POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS  
21 AND VISITORS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN MARCH OF 1972, JUST AS I  
22 WAS FINISHING GRADUATE SCHOOL THERE, AS AN ANALYST IN THE  
23 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. HE SERVED AS A DIRECTOR OF  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES IN THE PURCHASING AND STORAGE  
25 DEPARTMENT, AS THE CHIEF ANALYST AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 OFFICER IN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND AS THE CHIEF  
2 DEPUTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. HE'S BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS AND WAS  
4 APPOINTED CHIEF DEPUTY OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN 2002. THE  
5 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTS ONE OF EVERY NINE RESIDENTS IN  
6 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. ALONG WITH TENS OF MILLIONS OF  
7 VISITORS EACH YEAR AT OUR BEACHES AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS,  
8 ERIC'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN TO ENSURE ADEQUATE  
9 FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR ALL FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES  
10 PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ERIC HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE AFTER  
11 32 YEARS. I GUESS HE'S ENTITLED TO THAT, ALTHOUGH WE'RE GOING  
12 TO MISS YOU VERY MUCH. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY WANTS TO COMMEND YOU, ERIC, AND COMMENDS ERIC D. WEBBER  
14 FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AND EXTENDS BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH  
15 AND HAPPINESS IN HIS RETIREMENT YEARS. I WOULD JUST SAY, ON A  
16 PERSONAL NOTE, FOR MYSELF AND MY STAFF, WE'VE ENJOYED WORKING  
17 WITH YOU SINCE I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR ABOUT THE SAME  
18 TIME YOU CAME OVER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND YOUR WORK HAS  
19 BEEN EXCELLENT. YOUR WORD HAS BEEN GOOD. FOR A COUNTY  
20 FINANCIAL PERSON, YOU'VE BEEN ABOVE AVERAGE. [ LAUGHTER ]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND, REALLY, I THINK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS  
23 BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU THERE AND, AS A RESULT, HAS  
24 NOT HAD SOME OF THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MANY OF THE  
25 REST OF US HAVE HAD BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN TRUTHFUL AND



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1 DISCIPLINED IN PROVIDING THE INFORMATION. AND I THINK THAT  
2 CHIEF FREEMAN AND HIS ENTIRE TEAM AND THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN  
3 THE BENEFICIARIES OF THAT. AND, AS A RESULT, WE'RE GOING TO  
4 MISS YOU A LOT. SO, ERIC, THANK YOU FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
5 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPINESS IN  
6 WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, BEFORE ERIC SAYS HIS, I JUST ALSO  
9 WANTED TO CONGRATULATE AND WISH ERIC THE VERY, VERY BEST. ERIC  
10 AND I GO BACK A LONG WAYS. FELLOW CERRITOS RESIDENTS FOR MANY,  
11 MANY YEARS AND A LITTLE- KNOWN SECRET ABOUT ERIC IS HE'S A  
12 DIE-HARD SAN DIEGO CHARGER FAN. AND HE WAS REALLY CALLING ME  
13 EVERY NIGHT. HE REALLY WANTED THE CHARGERS TO COME TO THE  
14 COLISEUM BECAUSE HE HATED THE COMMUTE ON SUNDAYS TO GO DOWN  
15 THERE AND WATCH THEM LOSE. BUT ANYWAY, ERIC, LIKE I SAY, OUR  
16 FRIENDSHIP GOES BACK MANY, MANY YEARS AND I HAVE ALWAYS  
17 APPRECIATED YOUR INPUT AND SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE. AND, AS ZEV  
18 TELLS SO WELL, YOUR INTEGRITY IS UNQUESTIONED AND WE ALWAYS  
19 FELT WE GOT AN HONEST ANSWER FROM YOU. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR  
20 FAMILY THE VERY, VERY BEST AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE.  
21 WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JOIN IN THAT MOST OF THE HORRENDOUS  
24 FIRES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS COUNTY HAVE OCCURRED IN THE  
25 AREA I REPRESENT AND WE APPRECIATE THE FINE PROFESSIONALISM OF



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1 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BOTH ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR, AND  
2 ERIC HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT TEAM EFFORT TO ENSURE  
3 THAT PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY WILL ALWAYS BE THE TOP  
4 PRIORITY AND SO WE APPRECIATED YOUR PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP  
5 AND DIRECTION AND MY STAFF AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE AND  
6 WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AS YOU RETIRE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
9 FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION  
10 AND ASSISTANCE AND LOTS OF LUCK FOR THE FUTURE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **ERIC D. WEBBER:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS THE SUPERVISOR  
13 POINTED OUT, I'VE HAD TROUBLE HOLDING A JOB THROUGHOUT MY  
14 CAREER BUT THE BEST JOB WAS THE LAST ONE. AND I JUST WANT TO  
15 THANK CHIEF FREEMAN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIM AND  
16 ALL OF THE OTHERS, A FEW OF THEM ARE HERE TODAY, IN SERVING  
17 THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR  
18 SUPPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT'S BEEN GREAT AND YOUR STAFF  
19 HAS JUST BEEN A JOY TO WORK WITH. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [  
20 APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON? YEAH, BUT WHY DON'T YOU TAKE SOMEBODY  
23 ELSE?

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
2   OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE, OUR DIRECTOR AND  
3   CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER; DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF  
4   PUBLIC HEALTH; DR. ROBERT KIM-FARLEY, SENIOR ADVISOR; DR.  
5   MARSHA EPSTEIN, AREA MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR SPA 8. IN SPITE OF  
6   MODERN MEDICAL ADVANCES, MORE PEOPLE DIED WORLDWIDE THIS YEAR  
7   OF TUBERCULOSIS THAN ANY OTHER YEAR IN HISTORY. TUBERCULOSIS  
8   IS NOT JUST LIMITED TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. IN CALIFORNIA, IT  
9   IS ESTIMATED OVER 3.4 MILLION CALIFORNIANS ARE INFECTED WITH  
10   LATENT TUBERCULOSIS. LAST YEAR, 1,025 RESIDENTS IN OUR COUNTY  
11   WERE DIAGNOSED WITH ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS. DURING THE MONTH OF  
12   MARCH, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IS PROMOTING TUBERCULOSIS  
13   AWARENESS THROUGH THE RECOGNITION OF WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY ON  
14   WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
15   SUPERVISORS, WE'RE PRESENTING THIS SCROLL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16   HEALTH IN RECOGNIZING MARCH 24TH AS WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY  
17   THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE URGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS,  
18   HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY COALITIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
19   COUNTY TO JOIN IN THIS EFFORT TO PREVENT AND ULTIMATELY  
20   ELIMINATE TUBERCULOSIS. DR. GARTHWAITE?

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22   **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE VERY  
23   STRONG SUPPORT. TUBERCULOSIS IS NOT SOMETHING OF THE PAST, IT  
24   IS SOMETHING WE STILL HAVE AND WE HAVE NEW CASES EVERY DAY.  
25   OUR JOB IS TO HELP PROTECT EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. THE



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1 MAJORITY OF TUBERCULOSIS TODAY COMES FROM PEOPLE COMING HERE  
2 FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, FROM LATIN AMERICA AND FROM ASIA.  
3 UNFORTUNATELY, IN THOSE PLACES, THERE'S AN INCREASE IN DRUG-  
4 RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS. THAT IS THOSE WHERE THE COMMON DRUGS  
5 DON'T WORK. SO WE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS AND WORK AS A  
6 TEAM TO MAKE SURE WE HELP TO CONTROL THIS SERIOUS LARGE  
7 WORLDWIDE KILLER. THANKS AGAIN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [  
8 APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE  
13 SOME VERY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS THAT ARE WITH US THIS MORNING  
14 FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE SIGNING AN  
15 AGREEMENT WITH ONCE AGAIN AND WITH US TODAY IS REAR-ADMIRAL  
16 DAVID JANES FROM THE EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OF GUARD AND RESERVE,  
17 ESGR, BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN EFLAND, WHO IS FROM THE  
18 CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD; COLONEL HARRY TALBERT FROM THE  
19 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE; COLONEL TERRY THRALL FROM THE UNITED  
20 STATES ARMY RESERVE; OUR COUNTY'S OWN COLONEL JOE SMITH, WHO'S  
21 HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY VETERANS AFFAIRS AND  
22 RECIPIENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S E.S.G.R. 7 SEALS  
23 AWARD; ALONG WITH CAPTAIN DAVID RILEY FROM THE UNITED STATES  
24 COAST GUARD; LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOUGLAS GRIFFITH FROM THE  
25 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, RESERVE; AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER



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1 RODNEY BOWEN FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE; CAPTAIN BEN  
2 O'ROURKE FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE. IN THE  
3 UNITED STATES TODAY, OVER ONE MILLION AMERICANS SERVE IN THE  
4 GUARD AND RESERVE FORCES REPRESENTING ONE HALF OF OUR TOTAL  
5 MILITARY FORCES. WHEN CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY, THESE CITIZEN  
6 SOLDIERS PUT THEIR CIVILIAN CAREER ON HOLD TO PRESERVE OUR  
7 PROTECTION, OUR FREEDOM, OUR LIBERTIES. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
8 FOR EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVES WAS ESTABLISHED  
9 BACK IN 1972 BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION TO PROMOTE SUPPORT  
10 AMONG EMPLOYEES OF GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS. AN AGENCY OF THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, E.S.G.R., RELIES UPON A VOLUNTEER FORCE  
12 OF 4,000 REPRESENTATIVES NATIONWIDE WHO EDUCATE EMPLOYERS AS  
13 TO THE RIGHTS OF RESERVISTS AND OUTLINED-- AS OUTLINED IN THE  
14 UNIFORM SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT ACT. THERE ARE  
15 NEARLY 800 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RESERVISTS WHO STAND READY  
16 TO SERVE, OF WHICH 93 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TODAY HAVE BEEN CALLED  
17 TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE FIGHT ON TERRORISM AT HOME AND ABROAD.  
18 SOME OF OUR HEROIC COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ALSO CITIZEN  
19 SOLDIERS HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN IRAQ,  
20 AFGHANISTAN. OTHERS HAVE BEEN ALERTED THAT THEY WILL SOON BE  
21 DEPLOYING TO LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I HAVE INVITED  
22 OUR COUNTY RESERVISTS TO BE HERE TODAY AND THEY ARE IN THE  
23 AUDIENCE. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE THEM TO PLEASE STAND UP.  
24 [ APPLAUSE ] [ APPLAUSE CONTINUES ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE SITTING ON THE  
2   COURT WHO COULD NOT RECESS THEIR COURT TO BE WITH US THIS  
3   MORNING AS WELL. WE HAVE 45 EMPLOYEES HERE THIS MORNING WHO  
4   REPRESENT 20 DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN ALL BRANCHES OF  
5   THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6   SUPPORTS OUR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CITIZEN SOLDIERS AND WHO ARE  
7   CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY IN MANY WAYS, WHICH INCLUDE  
8   GUARANTEEING RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT, PROVIDING DIFFERENTIAL PAY  
9   AND ALLOWING CONTINUED ACCRUAL OF SICK AND VACATION TIME  
10   DURING DEPLOYMENT. LAST WEEK, OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
11   DEPARTMENT WAS AWARDED THE E.S.G.R. FREEDOM AWARD FOR THEIR  
12   OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING THEIR EMPLOYEES AND THE  
13   FAMILIES OF THOSE DEPUTIES WHO WERE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY  
14   OVERSEAS. HOWEVER, FOR MANY GUARD AND RESERVE SOLDIERS,  
15   EMPLOYERS ARE NOT SO GENEROUS OR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH FEDERAL  
16   LAW PROTECTING SOLDIERS AND THE CRITICAL ROLE OUR RESERVISTS  
17   PLAY IN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. E.S.G.R.'S MISSION IS TO GAIN  
18   AND MAINTAIN SUPPORT FROM ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS FOR  
19   THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE. LAST  
20   WEEK, OUR BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION I INITIATED THAT COMMENDS THE  
21   E.S.G.R. FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND AGREED TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF  
22   SUPPORT. SO, AT THIS TIME, IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT  
23   THE SCROLL TO REAR-ADMIRAL DAVID JANES, THE NATIONAL EMPLOYEE  
24   SUPPORT OF GUARD AND RESERVES. ADMIRAL? [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADMIRAL JANES.

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3   **REAR ADMIRAL DAVID JANES:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I

4   PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF

5   SUPERVISORS. IN CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 90,000

6   RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PEOPLE WHO STAND BY EVERY MORNING

7   AND PROCLAIM THAT THEY'RE READY TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY SHOULD

8   THEY BE CALLED. AND CALLED THEY HAVE BEEN. THE NATIONAL GUARD

9   IN CALIFORNIA HAS HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ANY GUARD

10   CALLED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, BETTER THAN HALF. WE HAVE

11   OUR AROUND 24,000 GUARDSMEN AND LADIES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. OF

12   NOTE IS THAT, AS OF THIS MORNING, THERE ARE 182,000 PEOPLE

13   RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY THROUGHOUT THE NATION. 182,800 PEOPLE.

14   THAT IS APPROXIMATELY 40% OF THE PEOPLE IN THEATRE CURRENTLY.

15   ISN'T THAT A MAGNIFICENT STATEMENT? AND THEY'RE ALL

16   VOLUNTEERS, SOME OF THEM FOR THE SECOND TIME. THAT WOULD NOT

17   BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF PEOPLE LIKE THE

18   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY,

19   ALL THE CITIES IN THE STATE. AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE BOARD OF

20   SUPERVISORS, YOUR OWN SHERIFF HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY IN EVERY WAY

21   AND HAS SET A STANDARD FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE

22   UNITED STATES AND I'M GOING TO CARRY HIS MESSAGE EVERYWHERE I

23   GO. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS THAT HE DID, HE

24   PRODUCED A SMALL CARD TO GIVE TO THE MEMBERS OF EACH OF THE

25   CHILDREN OF EACH OF THE FAMILIES. AND WHAT HE IS ESSENTIALLY



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1 SAYING IS THAT, "WHILE YOUR DAD OR MOM IS NOT HERE, I WILL BE  
2 BOTH FATHER AND MOTHER FOR YOU. IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE ANYWHERE  
3 IN MY COUNTY, CALL THIS NUMBER, THERE WILL BE A SQUAD CAR TO  
4 PICK YOU UP AND TAKE YOU HOME OR TO OUR STATION AND MAKE SURE  
5 YOU'RE OKAY." WHAT A MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE! I WANT TO CARRY THAT  
6 STORY TO EVERY COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES. I THINK IT'S WHAT  
7 EVERYBODY OUGHT TO BE DOING AND HE IS AN EXAMPLE AND YOU WANT  
8 TO COMMEND HIM, AS WE HAVE LAST WEEKEND, IN PRESENTING HIM THE  
9 PROPATRIOT AWARD IN SACRAMENTO FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. WHEN A  
10 MAGNIFICENT STORY! SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH AND I APPRECIATE  
11 YOUR SIGNING THIS STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND, WHEN WE'RE  
12 COMPLETED WITH THAT, I HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF IT HERE, I'D LIKE TO  
13 PRESENT THAT YOU CAN POST IN YOUR OFFICE. IT PROCLAIMS TO  
14 EVERYBODY THAT COMES TO SEE YOU THAT YOU HAVE THIS GENEROUS  
15 SUPPORT TO OUR RESERVISTS AND GUARDSMEN. SO THANK YOU AND I  
16 HOPE YOU CAN SIGN THAT STATEMENT. WE HAVE A COPY OF IT WE'RE  
17 GOING TO PUT IN FRONT OF YOU RIGHT NOW. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **REAR ADMIRAL JANES:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN  
20 PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY IN THAT HE HAS SPEARHEADED THIS AND I  
21 THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND HE HIMSELF, AS YOU KNOW, IS NOW A--  
22 WEARS THE UNIFORM OF OUR SERVICES, SO I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD  
23 OF YOU AND WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO WANT TO THANK GENERAL-TO-BE DEBORAH  
2   MENDLESON FOR HER SUPPORT.

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4   **REAR ADMIRAL JANES:** BEHIND ME, YOU HAVE SENIOR MEMBERS OF EACH  
5   OF THE SERVICES. THERE ARE SEVEN SERVICES AND I'D LIKE TO, AS  
6   WE GO BY, PRESENT A COIN TO EACH OF YOU ON BEHALF OF THE  
7   SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH A SCROLL OF EACH OF THE SEVEN  
8   SERVICES. PLEASE DISPLAY THAT, HAVE IT ON YOUR DESK. I CAN  
9   TELL YOU THAT IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN HAVE WITH PRIDE BECAUSE,  
10   BEHIND THAT COIN, ARE 865,000 RESERVISTS NATIONWIDE WHO STAND  
11   READY TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY AS VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU. [  
12   APPLAUSE ]

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14   **REAR ADMIRAL JANES:** DON, ZEV? WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO JOIN  
15   US AND I'D TO TAKE THIS PICTURE BACK TO DONALD RUMSFELD AND  
16   TELL HIM THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF EVERYBODY OUT HERE AND  
17   THAT... (INDISTINCT VOICES)

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT COLONEL TALBOT WAS I  
20   WAS TRUSTEE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE... (INDISTINCT VOICES) [  
21   LIGHT LAUGHTER ] (INDISTINCT VOICES)

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23   **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE DO I SIGN? NOW WHERE DO I SIGN? (INDISTINCT  
24   VOICES)

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. OH, THEY COULDN'T PUT EVERYONE ON ONE.

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3    **SPEAKER:** THEY HAVE A PEN FOR YOU, ACTUALLY.

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON?

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH? ZEV, GO AHEAD.

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN... (INDISTINCT VOICES)

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE CAN SORT OF QUIETLY LEAVE. WE HAVE SOME  
12 MORE PRESENTATIONS. ZEV?

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14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL WAIT UNTIL... (INDISTINCT  
15 VOICES)

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17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK  
18 VIRGINIA GARMA TO COME UP HERE FOR A SECOND. I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
19 SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS COMING DOWN HERE FOR BUT... [ APPLAUSE ]

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21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BOY, DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HER FACE? I'LL  
22 TELL YOU WHY.

23

24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MUST HAVE HAD A REALLY BIG WHOPPER THERE  
25 THEY TOLD HER, I DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE... MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS



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1 OF THE BOARD, VIRGINIA GARMA HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AND  
2 IS A LOYAL AND DEDICATED AND HIGHLY VALUED MEMBER OF THE  
3 COUNTY FAMILY SINCE 1975 WHEN SHE FIRST JOINED THE PROBATION  
4 DEPARTMENT AS A STENOGRAPHER. SHE TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF  
5 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN 1976, RISING THROUGH THE RANKS AND  
6 HONING AND REFINING HER SKILLS AS A STENOGRAPHER AND LEGAL  
7 SECRETARY DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, ADVANCING TO A  
8 CHALLENGING NEW POSITION AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IN THE  
9 KEY ROLE AS SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR SUPERVISOR  
10 EDELMAN AND, DURING THE PAST DECADE, TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR  
11 ME. SHE'S BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK WITH  
12 LETTERS OF COMMENDATION, CITING HER EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE  
13 AND NOTING HER COMPETENCE, SUFFICIENCY, EAGERNESS AND  
14 ENERGETIC ATTITUDE. SHE HAS SERVED AS A MODEL EMPLOYEE WHO IS  
15 SUPREMELY CAPABLE, THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED, HIGHLY SKILLED,  
16 UNFAILINGLY CHEERFUL AND, IN EVERY RESPECT, A DELIGHTFUL  
17 COWORKER, INSPIRING PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUE AND AN  
18 IRREPLACEABLE ASSET TO HER OFFICE. SHE HAS NOW ELECTED TO  
19 CONCLUDE HER COUNTY SERVICE AND SPEND MORE TIME ENJOYING  
20 LEISURE ACTIVITIES WITH HER BELOVED HUSBAND, CAESAR, AND THEIR  
21 FAMILY. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES WANTS TO RESOLVE THAT VIRGINIA GARMA IS HEREBY  
23 COMMENDED FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AND FOR HER INVALUABLE  
24 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE'S EXTENDED  
25 SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR HER NUMEROUS



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1 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT AND  
2 CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER ENDEAVORS. NOW,  
3 THAT'S WHAT HER BOSS WROTE BUT I WANT TO JUST SAY A COUPLE OF  
4 WORDS ON A PERSONAL -- FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE GOING TO MISS HER  
5 AT OUR POT LUCK LUNCHES BECAUSE SHE MAKES THE BEST, BY FAR,  
6 THE BEST DISH IN OUR POT LUCKS-- WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? THE  
7 TURKEY-- TURKEY BREAD. IT'S ABSOLUTELY-- IT'S NOT ON MY DIET  
8 BUT MY DOCTOR SAID ONCE IN A WHILE IT'S OKAY AND I SAVE THAT  
9 "ONCE IN AWHILE" FOR OUR POT LUCK LUNCHES. VIRGINIA IS A  
10 ABSOLUTELY-- EVERYTHING THAT'S SAID ABOUT HER IN THE  
11 RESOLUTION IS TRUE. SHE HAS BEEN A REAL KEY ASSET TO OUR  
12 OFFICE AND I'M FEARFUL THAT SHE'LL BE IRREPLACEABLE, BOTH IN  
13 TERMS OF HER PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND HER PERSONALITY,  
14 WHICH HAS BEEN A REAL JOY TO EXPERIENCE. IT'S FUN TO COME TO  
15 WORK EVERY DAY WHEN VIRGINIA'S THERE WITH HER SMILE READY TO  
16 TAKE ON THE WORLD AND SHE'S HAD SOME VERY TOUGH PEOPLE TO WORK  
17 FOR OVER THE YEARS: DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PROBATION, BUT NOT, NOT  
18 US. WE'RE-- WE'RE-- WE'RE VERY EASY. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND, VIRGINIA, I THINK I SPEAK FOR ALL OF  
21 THE STAFF AND THEY'RE ALL DOWN HERE, TO SAY HOW MUCH WE'RE  
22 GOING TO MISS YOU. I TOLD YOU AS LATE AS YESTERDAY THAT YOU  
23 HAVE UNTIL FRIDAY AT 5:00 TO RECONSIDER AND, IF YOU DO, ALL IS  
24 FORGIVEN. [ LAUGHTER ]

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL LET YOU KEEP THE RESOLUTION AND COME  
2   BACK TO WORK. HOW IS THAT? BUT YOU'VE EARNED A GREAT  
3   RETIREMENT AND WE URGE-- WE WISH YOU AND CAESAR AND THE FAMILY  
4   A VERY HAPPY FUTURE IN WHATEVER YOU DO IN YOUR LEISURE TIME.  
5   THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE! ]

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY A WORD? OH, CAESAR IS  
8   HERE. HEY, CAESAR. COME ON IN HERE. DO YOU WANT TO SAY  
9   SOMETHING?

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO, ZEV, WHEN SHE COMES TO WORK EVERY DAY,  
12   I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU OVERWORKED HER BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS HAD  
13   THIS LITTLE PULL CART, YOU KNOW, BRIEFCASE, BUT SHE'S GOT  
14   TURKEY, TURKEY, TURKEY BREAD IN THAT? INSTEAD OF FILES?

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TURKEY BREAD AND ALL OF THE RESEARCH FOR THE  
17   MARCH MADNESS STATISTICS.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT.

20

21   **VIRGINIA GARMA:** THANK YOU, ZEV. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL  
22   EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR THE BOARD FOR THE LAST-- SEEMS LIKE  
23   HUNDREDS OF YEARS (LAUGHTER) AND IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND ZEV IS  
24   THE BEST BOSS THERE IS AND ALISA, YOU KNOW. YOU CAN'T FIND A  
25   BETTER BOSS. SO, ANYWAY, I'LL MISS EVERYBODY BUT IT'S TIME TO



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1 MOVE ON. TIME TO MOVE ON. YEAH. THANK YOU, ZEV. THANKS. [

2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TIME TO MOVE ON, MR. CHAIRMAN. THERE'S JUST  
5 ABSOLUTELY-- YOU CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS. I WANTED TO ASK ALISA KATZ, OUR CHIEF DEPUTY AND  
7 THE PERSON WHO HAS WORKED MOST CLOSELY WITH VIRGINIA, TO JUST  
8 SAY A WORD.

9

10 **ALISA KATZ:** WELL, I FIRST MET VIRGINIA WHEN SHE WAS WORKING  
11 FOR MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR EDELMAN'S CHIEF DEPUTY, AND I  
12 NOTICED HOW FABULOUS SHE WAS AT PROTECTING HIM AND TAKING CARE  
13 OF HIM BUT MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN I NEEDED TO GET THROUGH, I  
14 DID GET THROUGH AND I THOUGHT, WOW, WHAT A GREAT PERSON! THIS  
15 IS REALLY SOMETHING. AND SINCE SHE'S BEEN WORKING WITH ME,  
16 IT'S BEEN THE SAME THING. IT'S BEEN FABULOUS EACH AND EVERY  
17 DAY AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MISS  
18 YOU. THANKS, VIRGINIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE, DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND START AS  
21 ZEV IS DOING A STAFF VOTE HERE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, WE HAVE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES AND MANY PEOPLE SEE THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE CITY  
25 OF LOS ANGELES AND THEY EQUATE THAT WITH THE OTHER 87 CITIES,



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1 WHICH IS A DISSERVICE TO THESE OTHER 87 CITIES BECAUSE, TODAY,  
2 WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RETIRING AS A  
3 CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF MONROVIA. WHEN YOU DRIVE BY  
4 MONROVIA ON THE 210 FREEWAY, YOU'LL SEE A SIGN THAT STATES,  
5 "ALL AMERICAN CITY". THAT'S AN AWARD THAT IS ONLY GIVEN TO A  
6 FEW CITIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES AND THAT'S A  
7 CITY WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO RESTORE A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE, A  
8 FAMILY LIFE, ONE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHERE THEY'RE ABLE  
9 TO MOVE FORWARD AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND ALSO  
10 BE A ROLE MODEL TO THE OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT  
11 THIS REGION. AND TODAY WE WELCOME DON HOPPER, WHO IS THE  
12 VETERAN CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF MONROVIA, WHO IS RETIRING  
13 AFTER A 37-YEAR CAREER WITH THAT CITY THAT BEGAN WHEN HE  
14 SIGNED UP TO BE A TREE TRIMMER AT AGE 18. SO WHEN PEOPLE TALK  
15 ABOUT BEING STUCK IN AN OCCUPATION THAT PAYS PERHAPS MINIMUM  
16 WAGE, THOSE ARE ONLY ENTRY LEVELS. THAT TEACHES YOU THE  
17 DISCIPLINE AND THE ABILITIES TO LEARN HOW TO MOVE ON IN YOUR  
18 LIFE. YOU'RE NOT STUCK IN THOSE POSITIONS FOR THE REST OF YOUR  
19 LIFE AND, MANY TIMES, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT  
20 GETTING A JOB AT A LOW WAGE IS ONLY TEMPORARY. IT'S A TRAINING  
21 OPPORTUNITY AND, AS WE SEE WITH DON, IT WAS A GREAT TRAINING  
22 OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE CITY MANAGER BACK  
23 IN 1996 AND HIS FINGERPRINT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CITY IS  
24 EVIDENT AS HE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL PART MOVING THE CITY INTO THE  
25 NEW MILLENNIUM. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHEN YOU DRIVE DOWN



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1 THOSE STREETS IN MONROVIA AND YOU SEE THE PRIDE IN THE  
2 COMMUNITY AND THE PARKS AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE NEW JOBS  
3 THAT ARE BEING CREATED, IT'S ONE THAT GAVE THEM THAT ALL-  
4 AMERICAN CITY DESIGNATION AND THEY'VE EXPERIENCED  
5 UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAST 30  
6 YEARS. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, DON HAS ALWAYS PLACED THE BEST  
7 INTERESTS OF THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS FIRST, WHICH IS BEST  
8 EVIDENT IN HIS REDEVELOPMENT WORK IN THE LATE '70S AND '80S  
9 AND HIS EASY GOING MANAGEMENT STYLE THAT HELPED THE STAFF  
10 MEMBERS FIND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS. HE IS HERE  
11 TODAY WITH HIS WIFE, DANNI, HIS SON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, AND  
12 GRANDDAUGHTER AND, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
13 DON, WE WANT TO THANK YOU. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, I'VE  
14 BEEN TO MANY CHARITABLE GROUPS. THE RECENT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
15 FUNDRAISER IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA, THEY HAD MICHAEL, THE  
16 MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS THERE. THEY DID AN AUCTION  
17 THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN DONE BEFORE WHERE THEY AUCTIONED OFF, I  
18 BELIEVE, LIKE, TEN SEATS IN THE ANGEL DUGOUT WITH FOOD, ET  
19 CETERA, ET CETERA, WITH A GAME BALL AND ALL. THEY GOT THE  
20 BIDDING UP TO, LIKE, FIVE OR SIX, 7,000. WHAT THEY DID IN THE  
21 CITY OF MONROVIA, HE GAVE AWAY FIVE OF THOSE SO THAT IT WAS A  
22 TOTAL OF \$28,000, \$29,000 GOING TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN  
23 MONROVIA AND I SAY THAT AS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT TYPE OF  
24 COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHERE THEY'RE ABLE TO BRING THE WORLD  
25 CHAMPION MANAGER OF A BASEBALL TEAM WHO'S ABLE TO GENERATE



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1 ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT THAT WILL HELP THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE IN  
2 MONROVIA GROW UP TO BE THE FUTURE DON HOPPERS AND OTHERS IN  
3 THAT COMMUNITY. THAT'S THE TYPE OF ALL-AMERICAN CITY THEY ARE  
4 AND WHY THEY ARE AND SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY'S 10 MILLION  
5 CITIZENS, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND WISH YOU CONTINUED  
6 SUCCESS AS YOU NOW RETIRE COMING UP, AGAIN, A TREE TRIMMER TO  
7 A RETIRED CITY MANAGER. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **DONALD HOPPER:** MY SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD  
10 OF SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH,  
11 WHO WE'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF  
12 MONROVIA AND THE COUNTY. CERTAINLY, THAT RELATIONSHIP IS GOING  
13 TO BE TESTED IN THE COMING YEAR WHAT WITH THE STATE OF THE  
14 STATE'S BUDGET CRISIS AND HOW THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT EVERYONE.  
15 MIKE, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT PROBLEM SOLVER AND A PARTNER  
16 WITH MONROVIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE  
17 CITIZENS AND TO DAVID JANSSEN, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE OTHER CITY  
18 MANAGERS AND THE OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL  
19 VALLEY ESPECIALLY. WE APPRECIATE OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP.  
20 HEAVEN KNOWS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE A LOT OF SERVICES  
21 TO ALL THE CITIZENS WE ALL SERVE AND WE'LL NEED TO BE MORE  
22 CREATIVE, A LITTLE MORE JUDICIOUS IN HOW WE DO THAT AND, MIKE,  
23 THROUGH YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF MONROVIA, I'M  
24 CONFIDENT THAT THE CITIZENS OF MONROVIA ARE GOING TO BE ON THE  
25 FOREFRONT ALL THE TIME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THEY HAVE A GREAT

3 BOY SCOUT COUNCIL. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME CO-FOUNDERS

4 AND CO-ORGANIZERS OF THE BOYS AND GIRL SCOUTS FIFTH ANNUAL TEN

5 COMMANDMENTS HIKE, WHICH WAS JUST RECENTLY HELD ON FEBRUARY

6 16TH IN PASADENA. WE HAVE JIM SHIVERS AND PASTOR DOCTOR PAUL

7 CLARK. THIS IS NEARLY A FOUR-MILE HIKE WHICH IS PERFORMED TO

8 HELP HIGHLIGHT THE SCOUTS' REVERENCE AND HONOR TO GOD AND

9 RESPECT FOR THE BELIEFS OF OTHERS. THE SCOUTS WERE JOINED BY

10 SCOUT LEADERS, BOTH BOYS AND GIRL SCOUTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

11 WHO HIKE TO TEN DIFFERENT CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, FAITH

12 CENTERS, INCLUDING SAINT JAMES METHODIST CHURCH, THE PASADENA

13 JEWISH TEMPLE, THE SHILI BUDDHIST TEMPLE AND THE PASADENA

14 STATE CENTER FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY

15 SAINTS. AT EACH LOCATION, A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OR

16 CONGREGATION PROVIDED A BRIEF HISTORY AND BACKGROUND ABOUT

17 THEIR RESPECTIVE FAITH. JIM SHIVERS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE

18 CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS

19 ANGELES, AND PASTOR CLARK IS THE CO-CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF

20 THE RELIGIOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

21 COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. BOTH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE WITHIN

22 THE BOY SCOUTS FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE

23 PRESTIGIOUS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CIVIL-- SILVER BEAVER AWARD

24 FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL. AND, AGAIN, HAVING THE

25 BOYS AND GIRL SCOUTS PARTICIPATE AND THE LEADERSHIPS FROM THE



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1 VARIOUS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND WHAT  
2 THEY STAND FOR IS A TESTAMENT TO THE GOOD, MORAL TRAINING THAT  
3 THESE ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO FIRST TO JIM.  
4 [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO PASTOR CLARK. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. SHIVERS IS GOING TO SPEAK.

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10 **JIM SHIVERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH. AS  
11 THEY SAY, BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A WOMAN OR TWO. IT'S  
12 UNREAL THAT TODAY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF MY  
13 MOTHER. SHE'D BE WITH US. SHE'S THE ONE THAT DROVE ME,  
14 ENCOURAGED ME TO STAY IN SCOUTING, WHO NEVER MADE IT TO MY  
15 EAGLE COURT OF HONOR BECAUSE SHE WAS KILLED BY AN AUTO  
16 ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. AND IT WAS MY WIFE THAT  
17 ENCOURAGED ME TO GET BACK INTO SCOUTING AND TO GET BACK INTO  
18 THE PART OF SCOUTING THAT I NEVER COULD DO WHEN I WAS IN  
19 MICHIGAN BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE COUNSELORS. AND THE OTHER HALF  
20 OF SCOUTING IS WHAT REVEREND CLARK AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON  
21 OFTENTIMES. IT'S THE RELIGIOUS AWARD PROGRAM THAT TRULY GETS  
22 INTO THE POINT WHERE SCOUTS OF VIRTUALLY EVERY FAITH-SHARING  
23 DENOMINATION CAN COME TOGETHER AND THEY CAN WORK ON THE PART  
24 OF SCOUTING, DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY, AND TO FULFILL  
25 COMPLETELY THE LAST POINT OF A SCHOLAR'S REVEREND. AND, IN THE



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1   PROCESS OF DOING THIS, PAUL AND I HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR 10-  
2   ODD YEARS AND NOT ONLY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS HIKE BUT THE  
3   RETREATS AND ALSO BEEN ABLE TO BRING THE GIRL SCOUTS IN, WHICH  
4   HAS BEEN GREAT. REVEREND CLARK?

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6   **REVEREND CLARK:** THE BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA ARE  
7   CONCERNED WITH INCULCATING FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES IN OUR  
8   YOUTH. THESE PRINCIPLES HELP THEM ON MAKING ETHICAL DECISIONS  
9   LATER IN LIFE WHEN THE PRESS OF LIFE GETS UP AGAINST THEM. TWO  
10   OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES ARE MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE,  
11   AND THAT'S WHAT OUR 10 COMMANDMENT HIKE IS ABOUT. DURING THIS  
12   EVENT, WE TAKE 300 BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS AND WE EXPOSE THEM TO  
13   EACH OTHER'S BELIEFS. BY EXPOSING THEM TO THESE BELIEFS, BY  
14   INFORMING THEM, EDUCATING THEM, WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL START  
15   TO VALUE EACH OTHER AS INDIVIDUALS AND WE FEEL THAT THIS  
16   MUTUAL RESPECT, THIS TOLERANCE, IS GOING TO GO A LONG WAY IN  
17   LIFE ON CREATING RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. IT IS SO  
18   GREAT WHEN YOU CAN BE IN A COUNTY WHERE THE ELECTED  
19   REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT THESE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES. IT DOESN'T  
20   HAPPEN NOT ONLY IN MOST PARTS OF THE WORLD; IT DOESN'T HAPPEN  
21   IN A LOT OF PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY BUT, HERE IN LOS ANGELES,  
22   WE'RE FORTUNATE THAT OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT THESE  
23   ACTIVITIES TOWARDS OUR YOUTH THAT HELPS MAKE THEM PRODUCTIVE,  
24   OUTSTANDING CITIZENS. AND WE WANT TO, ON BEHALF OF THE BOYS  
25   AND GIRL SCOUTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WE WANT TO THANK



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1 EACH ONE OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME GORDON ROWLEY,  
5 WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT FOR 33 YEARS.  
6 HIS CAREER BEGAN BACK IN 1971. HE'S PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AS  
7 EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE MAN COORDINATOR FOR THE EAGLE PROJECTS  
8 WITH TROOP 43 AND OTHER TROOPS. GORDON'S FAVORITE PROJECTS  
9 INVOLVE THE AMERICAN FLAG WHERE, FOR OVER 20 YEARS, HE HAS  
10 OVERSEEN THE PLACEMENT OF FLAGS ON GLENDORA STREETS. IN  
11 COLLABORATION WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,  
12 HE INITIATED THE FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY, LEAVING THE RIGHT  
13 AND MOVING RIGHT WHERE OLD AND DAMAGED FLAGS ARE RESPECTFULLY  
14 BURNED AND THE ASHES BURIED. HE'S RECEIVED THE BUCK DUNHAM  
15 AWARD, THE GLENDORA COORDINATING COUNCIL'S VOLUNTEER AWARD AND  
16 THE PRESTIGIOUS SILVER BEAVER AWARD FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
17 COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. SO, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE  
18 TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO GORDON FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS  
19 EFFORT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **GORDON ROWLEY:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY AND SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH AND THE CITY OF GLENDORA FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THE  
23 MANY BOYS FOR THEIR-- AND PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF ALL THE  
24 PROJECTS THAT WE'VE COMPLETED. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, SCOOPY GOT AWAY BEFORE WE COULD FIND A  
2   HOME FOR SCOOPY BUT HERE IS LITTLE MOLLY WHO IS SEVEN WEEKS  
3   OLD AND IS A HUSKY MIX LOOKING FOR A HOME. MOLLY WILL NOT GROW  
4   AS BIG AS SCOOPY BUT SHE'LL GROW BIG IN LOVE AND  
5   COMPANIONSHIP. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE MOLLY CAN  
6   CALL, AT HOME, 562-728-4644 OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE AND SHE  
7   COULD EVEN BE ONE OF THE MASCOTS FOR ONE OF OUR UNITS THAT  
8   WILL BE ACTIVATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO  
9   CUBA OR KOSOVO OR AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ? MOLLY IS AVAILABLE IF  
10   YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT MOLLY. MAYBE IN THE CASTAIC'S COMMUNITY  
11   STANDARDS DISTRICT THERE'S A STANDARD THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE  
12   LITTLE MOLLY. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU HAVE ANY  
15   PRESENTATIONS? WE'VE HAD A REQUEST. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN OUR  
16   PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DO YOU NEED TO SWEAR EVERYONE IN? OKAY.  
17   WE'LL DO THAT THEN I'LL...

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19   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL ASK ALL THOSE  
20   WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC  
21   HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND BE  
22   SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

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24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF WE COULD HAVE SOME PEACE HERE ON  
2   THE SIDES SO WE CAN BEGIN. I'VE HAD A REQUEST... (INDISTINCT  
3   VOICES)

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:**...FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT TO MOVE UP ITEM  
6   NUMBER 10. THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE THAT CAME DOWN AND SO WE'RE  
7   GOING TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 10 FIRST.

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9   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I'LL READ  
10   THAT INTO THE RECORD.

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12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE  
13   22, PLANNING AND ZONING RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
14   CASTAIC AREA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND WE HAVE RECEIVED  
15   WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE THE STAFF  
18   PRESENTATION FIRST AND THEN WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE  
19   PUBLIC THAT ARE IN FAVOR AND ONE PERSON WHO HAS SIGNED UP IN  
20   OPPOSITION, SO...

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22   **ANDY MALAKATES:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
23   MY NAME IS ANDY MALAKATES AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24   REGIONAL PLANNING AND I HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKING ON  
25   THIS C.S.D. INCIDENTALLY, "C.S.D." STANDS FOR COMMUNITY



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1 STANDARDS DISTRICT. AND THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IS AN  
2 OVERLAY ZONE WHICH WE USE TO MAKE CERTAIN COUNTYWIDE ZONING  
3 CLASSIFICATIONS FIT SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY  
4 THAT HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS. WE STARTED THE  
5 PREPARATION OF THE CASTAIC AREA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT  
6 MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO AND THAT FOLLOWED EXTENSIVE WORK  
7 UNDERTAKEN BY CASTAIC RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. BY THE  
8 WAY, WHEN WE REFER TO CASTAIC HERE, WE MEAN AN AREA THAT  
9 EXTENDS ALL THE WAY FROM HIGHWAY 126 TO THE SOUTH AND THE  
10 SANTA CLARA RIVER TO THE NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARIES TO THE  
11 NORTH AND FROM THE CITY OF SAN CLARITA TO THE EAST ALL THE WAY  
12 TO THE VENTURA COUNTY LINE TO THE WEST. IT'S AN AREA OF ABOUT  
13 400 SQUARE MILES AND CONTAINS, IN REALITY, MANY COMMUNITIES,  
14 INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC AND THE COMMUNITY OF VAL  
15 VERDE. THIS, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, HAS BEEN A FAST-GROWING  
16 COMMUNITY, A VERY RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AREA, AND THE RESIDENTS  
17 THERE FELT THAT IT WAS TIME TO HAVE-- TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND WHERE SOME ADDITIONAL  
19 STANDARDS WERE NEEDED TO PUT IT INTO PLACE TO DO THAT. SO THE  
20 COMMUNITY CAME TO US, AS I SAID, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, AND TO  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND THEY ASKED US TO HELP THEM PREPARE  
22 A COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THE  
23 LEADING EFFORT IN THIS WAS THE CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL WHO  
24 TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND HELPED US PROCESS THIS C.S.D., CARRY  
25 IT TO ITS CONCLUSION. KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CASTAIC



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1 DEVELOPMENT-- CASTAIC COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT ARE TO  
2 RETAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER OF SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES, PROVIDE  
3 A PROCESS FOR SECURING ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS,  
4 DESIGNATE AN AREA FOR TRUCKING ACTIVITIES, PROTECT SIGNIFICANT  
5 RIDGE LINES, PRESERVE CASTAIC CREEK AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER  
6 STREAMS AT THEIR NATURAL STATE, RESTRICT PROLIFERATION, TYPE  
7 AND SIZE OF SIGNS, PREVENT THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL SMALL  
8 LOTS, PRESERVE CERTAIN SUB AREAS WITH LARGE LOT SINGLE FAMILY  
9 DEVELOPMENTS, AND GIVE THE ELECTED CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL A  
10 GREATER VOICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IN THE PROCESS OF  
11 PREPARING THIS YEAR'S C.S.D., WE WORKED WITH THE ENTIRE  
12 COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE TOWN COUNCIL, THE CHAMBER OF  
13 COMMERCE, MANY PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.  
14 WE HAVE FOUR COMMUNITYWIDE MEETINGS WHERE WE SEND OUT  
15 APPROXIMATELY 12,000 NOTICES TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE  
16 COMMUNITY, SEEKING THEIR INPUT AND ADVICE IN THE PREPARATION  
17 OF THIS C.S.D. FURTHER, WE ATTENDED MANY CASTAIC TOWN COUNCIL  
18 PUBLIC MEETINGS WHERE WE DISCUSSED OUR PROGRESS WITH THE  
19 C.S.D. AND WE ASKED FOR THEIR INPUT FROM THE ATTENDANCE IN THE  
20 TOWN COUNCIL. AND THEN, OF COURSE, WE TALKED TO THE CASTAIC  
21 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO PROVIDED US WITH VALUABLE INPUT AND  
22 WHOSE BOARD VOTED FOR THE C.S.D. UNANIMOUSLY. IN ALL, WE  
23 MAILED OUT IN EXCESS OF 25,000 NOTICES TO ALL AREA RESIDENTS.  
24 WE RECEIVED OVER 300 LETTERS IN SUPPORT AND THREE OR FOUR  
25 LETTERS IN OPPOSITION AND ALSO WE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF LETTERS



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1 SUGGESTING CERTAIN CHANGES THAT OUR PEOPLE FELT WOULD IMPROVE  
2 THE C.S.D. AFTERWARDS, WE TOOK THE IMPROVED AND AMENDED  
3 VERSION OF THE C.S.D. TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WHO  
4 HELD A PUBLIC HEARING, FIRST IN THE COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC, AND  
5 THEN THREE ADDITIONAL CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS IN DOWNTOWN  
6 LOS ANGELES. THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE ATTENDED BY INTERESTED  
7 PARTIES WHO, AGAIN, PROVIDED VALUABLE INPUT, AS A RESULT OF  
8 WHICH WE MADE CERTAIN CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE C.S.D.  
9 THE DRAFT YOU HAVE BEFORE-- THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,  
10 BY THE WAY, DID APPROVE THE C.S.D. AND RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY  
11 TO YOUR BOARD: APPROVAL. THAT'S, IN ESSENCE, IS ALL THAT I  
12 HAVE TO SAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO SAY, I DON'T KNOW IF SOME OF  
17 YOU WERE HERE AT THE TIME, MOST OF YOU WERE, WHEN WE INITIATED  
18 THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IN ACTON AND AGUA DULCE. THE  
19 RESPONSE THAT WE'VE HAD SINCE THOSE ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE?

20

21 **ANDY MALAKATES:** IT HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE. PEOPLE ACTUALLY  
22 TEND TO RELY MORE AND MORE AND RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE  
23 C.S.D. IN FACT, IF ANYTHING, WE HAVE GREAT DEMAND FOR MORE  
24 C.S.D.S FROM VARIOUS COUNTY COMMUNITIES.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE GOALS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THESE  
2   C.S.D.S?

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4   **ANDY MALAKATES:** THEY CERTAINLY HAVE, IN MOST CASES, ESPECIALLY  
5   IN THE MORE RURAL AREAS, ACTON AND AQUA DOLCE, AS YOU  
6   MENTIONED, BUT EVEN IN OTHERS SUCH AS AVOCADO HEIGHTS, FOR  
7   INSTANCE, THE PEOPLE -- WELL, WE FOUND THAT WE, THROUGH THE  
8   C.S.D. PROCESS, WERE ABLE TO IMPROVE PROCESSING APPLICATIONS  
9   AND USE NEW STANDARDS WHICH MAKE DEVELOPMENT MORE ACCEPTABLE  
10   TO THE RESIDENTS.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER PROPOSES  
13   A PROJECT THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS,  
14   WHAT IS THEIR ABILITY TO ASK FOR MODIFICATIONS?

15

16   **ANDY MALAKATES:** WELL, THE-- MOST OF OUR C.S.D.'S IN THIS,  
17   CERTAINLY, THE CASTAIC AREA C.S.D. PROVIDES, WITHIN IT,  
18   CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHICH ALLOW APPEALING CERTAIN OF THE  
19   STANDARDS THROUGH THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS AND  
20   THROUGH DIRECTORS' REVIEW, IF IT'S A MINOR ISSUE, AND THROUGH  
21   A MINOR VARIATIONS PROCESS, WHICH IS REALLY LIKE A VARIANCE.  
22   SO THERE ARE PLENTY OF PROVISIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW A PROPERTY  
23   OWNER, WHOSE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETELY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
24   PROVISIONS OF THE C.S.D., TO GO AHEAD.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A NEBULOUS TERM OF SMART GROWTH BUT  
2   WHAT I SEE IN THIS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IS A SMART WAY  
3   OF MOVING AHEAD AND PROTECTING THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT OF A  
4   COMMUNITY WHERE YOU WORK WITH THE ACTUAL RESIDENTS OF THE  
5   COMMUNITY COMING UP WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND POLICY  
6   CHANGES. AND HERE, WHAT WE HAVE IS A PROTECTION OF THE  
7   ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, WHICH INCLUDE THE RIDGE LINES,  
8   CREEKS, AND OAK TREES, THE ABILITY TO HAVE BUFFER ZONES  
9   BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10   REGIONAL PLANNING HAS BEEN STATING TODAY THAT THEY'VE HAD AN  
11   EXHAUSTIVE OUTREACH EFFORT DRAFTING DONE PRIOR TO THIS C.S.D.  
12   BEING PUT BEFORE US TODAY. COUNTY STAFF HAS WORKED WITH THE  
13   CASTAIC/VAL VERDE TOWN COUNCIL, THE PROPERTY OWNERS, THE CIVIC  
14   ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP WHAT WE HAVE  
15   BEFORE US TODAY AND IT IS SUPPORTED, AS WAS STATED, BY THE  
16   CASTAIC VAL VERDE TOWN COUNCIL, THE VAL VERDE CIVIC  
17   ASSOCIATION, AND CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND JUST A NUMBER  
18   OF PEOPLE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION BUT, IN THE CASTAIC VAL  
19   VERDE TOWN COUNCIL, BOB LEWIS, WHO IS HERE TODAY, THEIR  
20   PRESIDENT, STEVE BOLDEVICH, A MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, PHIL  
21   MASIO, FORMER MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, JULIE THOMAS, LLOYD  
22   CARTER, I BELIEVE JIM DIADARIO IS HERE TODAY AND SAM AZARIAN,  
23   WHO IS NOT HERE, WHO'S HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE VAL  
24   VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. GEORGE SHELF, PRESIDENT. DAN AND GINA  
25   NORDSTROM AND, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, JIM



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1 HARTLE AND ANDY MALAKATES, WHO IS THE SECTION HEAD, AND, FROM  
2 MY OFFICE, WHO IS NO LONGER HERE, DAVE ANADA, WHO RETIRED, WHO  
3 WORKED WITH THE TOWN COUNCILS AND HELPED ORIGINATE THE  
4 COUNCILS IN MY OFFICE, PAUL NOVAK AND MILLIE JONES. SO LET US  
5 HEAR THE TESTIMONY, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND WE HAVE SOME ACTIONS TO  
6 TAKE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? OKAY. WE'LL  
9 TAKE THOSE IN OPPOSITION FIRST. R. CHRIS FARGO AND BAHRAM  
10 SAFAVI, COME FORWARD. JUST SO THE SPEAKERS ARE AWARE, YOU'LL  
11 BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES EACH. GO AHEAD AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
12 RECORD, PLEASE.

13

14 **BAHRAM SAFAVI:** BAHRAM SAFAVI AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
15 TO COMMENT ON THE C.S.D. WE'RE REALLY NOT OPPONENTS OF THE  
16 C.S.D., WE JUST HAVE SOME CONCERNS. MY PARTNERS AND I OWN 47  
17 ACRES IN CASTAIC. PREVIOUSLY, WE HAVE ALREADY FILED A  
18 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FOR A TRACT MAP FOR 70 SINGLE FAMILY  
19 HOMES. WHILE I REVIEWED THE PROPOSED C.S.D. AS A VERY POSITIVE  
20 MOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THEY'RE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR TOWN  
21 COUNCIL, WE DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND HAVE WRITTEN THOSE DOWN  
22 AND FORWARDED TO THE BOARDS. OUR MAIN CONCERN, OF COURSE, IS  
23 THAT THE C.S.D. IS INTRODUCING NEW REQUIREMENTS, WHEREAS WE  
24 HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING OUR PLANS FOR OVER THREE YEARS AND  
25 ALREADY FILED OUR APPLICATION FOR A SUBDIVISION. FILING A



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1 TRACT MAP APPLICATION, AS I'M SURE THE BOARD IS FULLY AWARE,  
2 IS MUCH MORE THAN FILLING IN THE FORMS AND PAYING THE  
3 APPLICATION FEE. IN ORDER TO FILE THIS APPLICATION, WE'VE HAD  
4 TO FIRST PERFORM PLANNED SPECIFIC STUDIES, INCLUDING  
5 ENGINEERING, FEASIBILITY, GRADING, GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY,  
6 BIOLOGY, AND OTHER STUDIES AT A CONSIDERABLE COST TO US. AS A  
7 RESULT OF THESE STUDIES, WE'VE HAD TO MODIFY OUR PLANS  
8 NUMEROUS TIMES AND, WHEN WE WERE EVENTUALLY READY, WE FILED A  
9 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE BECAME  
10 AWARE OF THE C.S.D. BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY COULD MAKE ANY  
11 CHANGES TO THE CONCEPT OF OUR PLAN, AS WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE  
12 FINAL VERSION WOULD LOOK LIKE. NOW, TO HAVE TO CHANGE THE  
13 CONCEPT OF THE PLAN, WOULD BE AN UNFAIR TREATMENT FOR US AND  
14 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WE REALLY CANNOT AFFORD. WE ARE THEREFORE  
15 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT OUR TRACT 53933 BE SPECIFICALLY  
16 EXCLUDED FROM THE C.S.D. ALSO HAVE OTHER SPECIFIC CONCERNS  
17 ABOUT THE C.S.D. PROVISIONS BUT I'LL RELY ON MY WRITTEN  
18 TESTIMONY TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR-- ANY  
21 COMMENT FROM STAFF IN REGARDS TO HIS CONCERNS?

22  
23 **ANDY MALAKATES:** YES. WE HAVE TALKED TO MR. SAFAVI QUITE A FEW  
24 TIMES AND WE'VE DISCUSSED HIS CASE. IT SEEMS THAT IT'S REALLY  
25 A SENSITIVE ISSUE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL NEEDS TO DO SOME



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1 RESEARCH AND COMMENT ON BECAUSE AT ISSUE IS, WHEN AN  
2 APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED, THE FILING IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE,  
3 AND MR. SAFAVI SUBMITTED HIS APPLICATION LAST OCTOBER AND THEN  
4 HE WAS TOLD THAT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO BE PROVIDED  
5 AND HE SIGNED A FORM INDICATING THAT HE WAS GOING TO PROVIDE  
6 THOSE DOCUMENTS. HE PROVIDED THEM, I THINK, THIS MONTH. SO  
7 THERE IS, AGAIN, A LEGAL ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE DETERMINED BY  
8 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND IT ALL HINGES ON WHETHER ANY GIVEN  
9 APPLICATION IS COMPLETE OR NOT BECAUSE THE C.S.D. PROVIDES  
10 THAT IT WILL APPLY TO-- APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED  
11 TO BE COMPLETE WILL BE EXEMPT FROM ITS PROVISIONS. SO, NOT  
12 KNOWING WHEN THIS C.S.D. ACTUALLY WILL GO INTO EFFECT, AND NOT  
13 KNOWING THE STATUS OF THE-- THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE  
14 APPLICATION, IT'S HARD TO SAY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO COUNTY COUNSEL WILL BE DEALING  
17 WITH THAT ISSUE, THEN. OKAY. NEXT.

18

19 **CHRIS FARGO:** MY NAME IS CHRIS FARGO. I OWN 50 ACRES UP ON  
20 CASTAIC. PART OF IT'S THE RIDGE LINE AND THIS IS THE FIRST  
21 I'VE HEARD OF THIS, SO I'M KIND OF OPPOSED THAT I WASN'T  
22 CONTACTED EARLIER AND THERE IS-- I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION  
23 ABOUT YOUR DEVELOPMENT.

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1   **ANDY MALAKATES:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'VE  
2   BEEN CARRYING OUT THIS C.S.D. FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. IN THE  
3   COURSE OF THAT TIME, WE OBTAINED A MAILING LIST FROM THE  
4   COUNTY ASSESSOR WHICH, OF COURSE, CONTAINS ALL THE PROPERTY  
5   OWNERS IN THE CASTAIC AREA AND, USING THAT MAILING LIST, WE  
6   MAILED, AS I SAID, OVER 25,000 DIFFERENT NOTICES TO ALL  
7   PROPERTY OWNERS OVER THE ENTIRE PERIOD. SO ALL I CAN SAY IS  
8   THAT WE DID WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO, WHAT WE'RE LEGALLY  
9   REQUIRED TO DO, AND WHAT WE COULD DO. AS FAR AS WE'RE  
10   CONCERNED, WE NOTIFIED EVERYBODY. IN ADDITION, AS I SAID  
11   BEFORE, THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY  
12   AND OUTSIDE. THERE HAVE BEEN COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD IN  
13   VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN CASTAIC AND THE C.S.D. HAS BEEN ON  
14   THE WEB PAGE, ON OUR WEB PAGE, FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND,  
15   YOU KNOW, WE TOOK -- AND, OF COURSE, IT WAS-- A LEGAL NOTICE  
16   WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR BOTH THE REGIONAL  
17   PLANNING COMMISSION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FOR THIS PUBLIC  
18   HEARING. SO WE DID ALL THAT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO NOTIFY  
19   EVERYBODY.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT-- DID YOU HAVE--  
22   MR. FARGO, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD?

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24   **CHRIS FARGO:** WELL, I'D LIKE TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION LATER  
25   ON.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL CALL UP BOB LEWIS, DARLENE  
3 DOMINGUEZ, JIM DEDARIO, AND GLENN -- IS IT ADAMICK? THE FOUR  
4 OF YOU COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD MORNING.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD, GIVE  
9 US YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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11 **BOB LEWIS:** SURE. MY NAME IS BOB LEWIS, L-E-W-I-S. I AM THE  
12 PRESIDENT OF THE CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL AND I'M VERY  
13 PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY. THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING PROCESS.  
14 FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, COUNTY HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH  
15 THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE HAD VERY MANY PUBLIC MEETINGS WITHIN THE  
16 COMMUNITY ITSELF, WHICH I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AND  
17 THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ACTUALLY COMING INTO OUR COMMUNITY  
18 TO HAVE MOST OF THE MEETINGS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A LARGE  
19 AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION IN DEALING WITH THIS COMMUNITY  
20 STANDARDS DISTRICT. THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS ACTUALLY BEEN DEALING  
21 WITH THIS SINCE 1997. WE HAD A CASTAIC AREA MASTER PLAN THAT  
22 WE WERE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER AND WE REALIZED THAT, IN ORDER  
23 TO DO IT PROPERLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO GET THE COUNTY INVOLVED.  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HELPED US GET THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
25 INVOLVED WITH THIS AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING QUITE HARD WITH A



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1 LOT OF AREA-WIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS  
2 STANDARDS DISTRICT. AND WE FEEL THAT THE C.S.D. REALLY DOES  
3 REPRESENT A BALANCE OF COMMUNITY, OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, OF  
4 OUR HISTORICAL TRUCKING DISTRICT, A BALANCE OF DEVELOPER NEEDS  
5 AND RESIDENTIAL NEEDS TO MAKE CASTAIC, WHICH HAS BEEN AROUND  
6 FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS, GOING INTO THE FUTURE, A PLANNED  
7 COMMUNITY THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. AND I THINK THAT'S  
8 REFLECTIVE IN THE UNANIMOUS VOTE THAT CAME OUT OF THE REGIONAL  
9 PLANNING COMMISSION AND WE DO HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS WILL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT OUR C.S.D. THANK YOU VERY  
11 MUCH.

12  
13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DARLENE?

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15 **DARLENE DOMINGUEZ:** YES. MY NAME IS DARLENE DOMINGUEZ AND I'M  
16 HERE REPRESENTING THE CASTAIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR  
17 PRESIDENT TERRY GERARD. AND, ON BEHALF OF THE CASTAIC CHAMBER  
18 OF COMMERCE, THEY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE C.S.D. THEY ARE  
19 VERY PLEASED AND WOULD LIKE TO-- FOR YOUR HONORABLE, ESTEEMED  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS C.S.D. AS IT IS  
21 WRITTEN.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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25 **DARLENE DOMINGUEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JIM?

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4 **JIM DEDARIO:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE  
5 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JIM DEDARIO, I LIVE AT 32381 OTOMO  
6 COURT IN CASTAIC. I WANT TO FIRST THANK ANDY AND MARIA FOR  
7 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND PAINSTAKINGLY PUTTING TOGETHER  
8 THE MANY DRAFTS OF THE C.S.D. AND THEIR DILIGENCE IN GETTING  
9 IT THROUGH THE SYSTEM TO TODAY. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE  
10 EFFORTS YOU'VE PUT FORTH FOR OUR COMMUNITY. MANY YEARS AGO,  
11 WHEN THIS PROCESS STARTED WITH THE INITIAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS,  
12 I WAS A FAIRLY NEW RESIDENT. BOB ACTUALLY HAD HAIR ON THE TOP  
13 OF HIS HEAD BUT, BY THIS POINT, IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD AND I'VE  
14 BEEN A TOWN COUNCILMAN FOR THREE YEARS AND LANDES CHAIR FOR  
15 THREE YEARS AND A CHAMBER MEMBER, ALSO, FOR THOSE THREE YEARS.  
16 HOPEFULLY AT THE END OF TODAY, WE CAN ADOPT THE C.S.D. AFTER  
17 THIS EXTREMELY LONG ROAD. CASTAIC'S A BEAUTIFUL GROWING AREA  
18 BUT THE RESIDENTS HAVE TO DEAL WITH MANY BIG CITY ISSUES. WE  
19 HAVE THE CHIQUITA LANDFILL. WE HAVE A CENTER FOR TRUCKING THAT  
20 BRINGS, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING TRUCKS BRING: THE NOISE, THE  
21 POLLUTION. WE HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER THAT'S LARGER THAN  
22 WHAT USED TO BE THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND WE HAVE THE  
23 PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER, WHICH WE OCCASIONALLY HAVE TO DEAL  
24 WITH JAILBREAKS. SO WE HAVE MANY HUGE ISSUES IN CASTAIC AND,  
25 TO BALANCE THAT, WE NEED PROPER PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. I



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1 WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH THE STANDARDS SET IN THE C.S.D.,  
2 ESPECIALLY RIDGE LINE PROTECTION, THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND  
3 STANDARDS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT. I'M HAPPY THAT MANY IDEAS THAT  
4 I PROPOSED ENDED UP IN THE FINAL DRAFT. WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS  
5 VERY LITTLE PLANNING, WITH DEVELOPMENTS, COMMERCIAL,  
6 RESIDENTIAL, OCCURRING RANDOMLY WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS. AN  
7 EXAMPLE, WE HAVE ONE TRACT OF HOMES, 3,000 HOMES, NO  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, AND THAT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN. I DO HAVE ONE  
9 RESERVATION WITH THE CURRENT C.S.D., THOUGH. ON PAGE 26, MY  
10 PAGE 26, I HAVE TWO RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONES. UP TO  
11 THE FINAL DRAFT, THE MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR RESIDENTIAL  
12 LOTS WAS A HUNDRED FEET BY A HUNDRED FEET. THAT'S ONLY, YOU  
13 KNOW, A THIRD OF THIS AUDITORIUM AND I THINK THAT'S A LITTLE  
14 BIT TOO SMALL. THE STANDARD, AS STATED, IS NOW 7,000 SQUARE  
15 FEET, WHICH WAS A COMPROMISE TO APPEASE DEVELOPERS. WHAT YOU  
16 WILL HAVE IS MORE MANSION-IZATION WITH LARGE HOMES ON SMALL  
17 LOTS. WITH CASTAIC'S IMMENSE AMOUNT OF BUILDING AREA, THIS  
18 COULD CREATE HUGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS AND, I THINK, THE  
19 QUALITY OF LIFE. OTHER COMMUNITY C.S.D.S, ACTON'S, FOR  
20 EXAMPLE, HAVE ONE ACRE, 40,000 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUMS. 100 BY  
21 100 IS RESPONSIBLE AND, I THINK, FAIR. OTHER THAN THAT ISSUE,  
22 CASTAIC COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IS FAR REACHING AND IT  
23 PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF CASTAIC AND I TRULY HOPE THE BOARD  
24 WILL PROVE OUR CASTAIC COMMUNITY STANDARDS. THANK YOU VERY  
25 MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GLEN?

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4 **GLENN ADAMICK:** I'LL BE BRIEF. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND  
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. GLENN ADAMICK ON BEHALF OF NEWHALL LAND.  
6 I WANT TO COMPLIMENT BOTH STAFF AND THE CASTAIC AREA TOWN  
7 COUNCIL FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK. WHEN THIS PROCESS STARTED,  
8 WE HAD SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH THE C.S.D. AS IT WAS DRAFTED AT  
9 THAT TIME AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THEM ROLLING UP THEIR  
10 SLEEVES AND WORKING WITH US ON RESOLVING ALL OF THOSE ISSUES.  
11 BASED UPON THAT, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THIS  
12 C.S.D. FOR THE CASTAIC AREA AND THAT IS THE END OF MY  
13 COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. WAS  
16 THERE ANY RESPONSE TO THAT ISSUE ABOUT THE LOT SIZE, OR...

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18 **ANDY MALAKATES:** SURE. I'LL BE GLAD TO. AS I SAID, WE REALLY  
19 WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH EVERYBODY AND WHAT IS REFLECTED NOW  
20 IN THE C.S.D. IS A COMPROMISE, INCLUDING THE LOT SIZE. THERE  
21 WERE PEOPLE THAT FELT THAT THE LOT SIZES SHOULD BE AN ACRE OR  
22 MORE AND OTHERS, OF COURSE, WHO FELT THAT THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE  
23 SHOULD NOT EVEN EXIST. AS YOU HEARD TODAY, THERE WERE TWO OF  
24 THE TESTIFIERS, ONE REQUESTING SMALLER AND THE OTHER, LARGER.  
25 SO THIS IS THE BEST COMPROMISE THAT IT COULD BE OBTAINED.



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1 7,000 SQUARE FEET STILL ALLOWS FOR A GREAT DEAL OF FLEXIBILITY  
2 AND, AS I SAID BEFORE, THE C.S.D. CONTAINS WITHIN ITSELF  
3 PROVISIONS FOR RELIEF FROM MANY OF THE STANDARDS.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS IS  
8 AN EFFORT THAT HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF YEARS AND I AGAIN WANT TO  
9 THANK, ON MY STAFF, MILLIE JONES, PAUL NOVAK AND DAVID DENADA.  
10 THERE'S BEEN EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EXTENSIVE MEDIA  
11 COVERAGE IN THE AREA SO IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED  
12 AND, FOLLOWING THE FOOTPRINT OF THE SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY  
13 STANDARDS DISTRICTS, WHICH WE HAVE IN ACTON AND AQUA DULCE,  
14 THIS MOVES FORWARD IN PROTECTING RESIDENTIAL FROM INDUSTRIAL,  
15 COMMERCIAL, AND COMMERCIAL FROM RESIDENTIAL, AND PROTECTS THE  
16 RIDGE LINE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO  
17 THAT AREA, ALONG WITH THE HISTORIC RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC  
18 SITES THERE. SO I WOULD MOVE THE-- THIS IS IMPROVED  
19 UNANIMOUSLY BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND I WOULD  
20 MOVE THAT RECOMMENDATION.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO WE NEED A LEGAL STATEMENT AT THIS POINT?  
23 OKAY. IT'S BEEN-- MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. SECONDED.  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. AND THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.



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1 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT  
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING  
5 DOWN AS WELL. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 1.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE  
12 BEGINNING?

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE  
15 20, UTILITIES, IMPOSING A NEW ADDITIONAL ANNUAL ZONE SEWER  
16 SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE TO REPAY A 10 YEAR LOAN  
17 AND APPROVING INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL ZONE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE  
18 FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
19 TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
20 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER ONE REQUIRES A STATEMENT.  
23 THE STATEMENT IS-- IF YOU'D IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

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1   **JEFF BOWSE:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JEFF BOWSE, I'M A SENIOR  
2   CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M  
3   FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL  
4   ADDITIONAL ZONE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE TRANCAS ZONE OF  
5   THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BY \$448, FROM  
6   \$1,078 TO \$1,526 PER SEWAGE UNIT AND TO IMPOSE A NEW  
7   ADDITIONAL ZONE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE OF \$296 PER IMPROVED  
8   PARCEL FOR A 10-YEAR PERIOD IN THE TRANCAS ZONE TO REPAIR A  
9   LOAN FROM THE MARINAS SEWER AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND TO  
10   APPROVE A 10-YEAR LOAN OF \$742,000 FROM THE MARINA SEWER  
11   MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
12   DISTRICT AND A RELATED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO HELP FUND  
13   THE REHABILITATION OF THE TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
14   PLAN. THESE ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO HELP DEFRAY THE OVERALL  
15   EXPENSE OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE TRANCAS WATER POLLUTION  
16   CONTROL PLANT AND THE INCREASED ANNUAL OPERATION AND  
17   MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE TRANCAS ZONE. THE LOAN  
18   FROM THE MARINA DISTRICT WILL HELP PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NEEDED  
19   FUNDS TO ALLOW THE REHABILITATION PROJECT TO PROCEED IN A  
20   TIMELY FASHION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE  
21   SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, AS RECOMMENDED, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
22   SEWER SERVICES WITHIN THE TRANCAS ZONE AND IT IS IN THE PUBLIC  
23   INTEREST TO COLLECT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL  
24   BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH  
25   CHARGES FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE



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1 CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY OPPOSED. WE'VE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN  
2 PROTESTS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? IF NOT, WE'LL  
5 OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE'S NO ONE SIGNED UP. WE'LL CLOSE  
6 THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
8 SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. NEXT IS WE HAVE A SALE, A PUBLIC  
9 AUCTION OF COUNTY-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300  
10 ROSECRANS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF COMPTON.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I'LL READ  
13 THE-- INTO THE RECORD THE DESCRIPTION. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS  
14 OF APPROXIMATELY 38,260 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, ZONE C-L, CITY OF  
15 COMPTON LIMITED COMMERCIAL, AND IS IMPROVED WITH A 13,996  
16 SQUARE FOOT SINGLE STORY BUILDING. THE PROPERTY AND  
17 IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ARE BEING SOLD AT-- IN AS-IN CONDITION  
18 WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY. THE  
19 PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID  
20 OF \$465,000. THE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN OPENED AND THE HIGHEST  
21 SEALED BID WAS \$466,000. ORAL BIDS WILL NOW BE ACCEPTED,  
22 PROVIDED THE FIRST ORAL BID EXCEEDS, BY AT LEAST 5%, THE  
23 AMOUNT OF THE HIGHEST SEALED BID. THE OPENING BID IS,  
24 THEREFORE, SET AT \$489,300. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A  
25 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN



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1 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK PAYABLE WITH THE COUNTY AT THE  
2 COMPLETION OF THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE  
3 WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET  
4 FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL, MUST BE MET BEFORE  
5 COMPLETION OF THE TRANSFER OF COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO  
6 THE PROPERTY. THERE WAS ONE SEALED BID SUBMITTED FROM THE  
7 FOLLOWING PERSON: M. MALFAR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$666,000-- I'M  
8 SORRY, \$466,000.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I BET HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT OPENING  
11 BID, TOO, WASN'T HE, 600? ALL RIGHT. [ LAUGHTER ] OKAY. ANYONE  
12 HAVING A BIDDING CARD OR NUMBERED CARD, PLEASE COME DOWN HERE  
13 TO THE CENTER RAIL AND HAVE YOUR CARDS READY. AS YOU HEARD,  
14 THE ORAL BIDS NEED TO START AT \$489,300. I WISH THEY WOULD  
15 HAVE MADE THAT AN EVEN NUMBER BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO DO IT IN  
16 \$5,000 INCREMENTS, SO I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO SLOW ON MY MATH  
17 HERE. WHEN WE ASK YOU TO PLACE YOUR BIDS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
18 CARDS, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BID IN \$5,000 INCREMENTS AND SO  
19 HERE WE GO. DO I HAVE AN OPENING BID FOR \$489,300? NUMBER TWO.  
20 OKAY. NUMBER FOUR BIDS 5,000 MORE. SO WE ARE AT 494,300, IS  
21 THAT CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. OKAY. ANYBODY HIGHER? WE GOT NUMBER  
22 FIVE SO THAT WILL MAKE US 499,300? ANYBODY HIGHER? OKAY. SO  
23 THAT'LL MAKE US 504,300. AND IT'S OKAY IF ANYBODY WANTS TO  
24 PICK UP THAT \$700 AND MAKE THIS EVEN. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANYWAY, SO I GOT 504,300. DO I HAVE ANY  
2    OTHER BIDS? I'VE GOT \$504,300. NUMBER 6. OKAY. MAKE 509,300.  
3    OKAY. PARDON ME?

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5    **BIDDER:** 515.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HAVE NUMBER ONE, 515. OH, THANK YOU, SIR.  
8    I HAVE \$515,000. DO I HAVE ANY HIGHER BIDS? 525? 525 ON NUMBER  
9    FOUR. OKAY. DO I HAVE 530? I'VE GOT 530. ANYTHING HIGHER? I'VE  
10   GOT 530 RIGHT NOW.

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12   **BIDDER:** 540.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 540.

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16   **BIDDER:** 545.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 545?

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20   **BIDDER:** 550.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 550. I'M AT \$550,000 RIGHT NOW. DO I HAVE  
23   ANYTHING HIGHER? I'VE GOT 550.

24

25   **BIDDER:** 560.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 560? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING HIGHER? I'VE GOT  
3 560.

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5 **BIDDER:** 565.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 565. OKAY. 565. DO I HAVE ANYTHING HIGHER?

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9 **BIDDER:** 575.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 575 OR 570? 575. I HAVE \$575,000.

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13 **BIDDER:** 580.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 580, I'VE GOT 580. 580 ONCE.

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17 **BIDDER:** 590.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 590.

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21 **BIDDER:** 595.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 595. 595 ONCE.

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25 **BIDDER:** 600.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 600,000. WE'RE AT 600,000.

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4 **BIDDER:** 605.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 605. WE'VE GOT THE 605 FREEWAY TAKEN CARE  
7 OF. MAYBE WE CAN GET AT THE 710. ANYWAY... [ LAUGHTER ]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. 610. I GOT 610 OVER HERE.

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11 **BIDDER:** 620.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 620. 620.

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15 **BIDDER:** 625.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 625.

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19 **BIDDER:** 630.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 630.

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23 **BIDDER:** 635.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SIX WHAT?



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2 **BIDDER:** 635.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 635. OKAY. 635.

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6 **BIDDER:** 640.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 640. 640 ONCE.

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10 **BIDDER:** 645.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 645. 645.

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14 **BIDDER:** 650.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 650. ALL RIGHT. I GOT \$650,000.

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18 **BIDDER:** 710.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 710,000? PARDON ME?

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22 **BIDDER:** 710.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. 710,000. BOY, THAT'S WHAT I LIKE. I

25 JUST CAME OFF 880 UP NORTH. [ LAUGHTER ]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I GOT 710,000. DO I HEAR ANYTHING HIGHER?  
3 710.

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5 **BIDDER:** 715.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 715? GOT 715.

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9 **BIDDER:** 730.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 730. 730,000. 730,000 ONCE.

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13 **BIDDER:** 735.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 735. 735. DO I HEAR ANYTHING ELSE? 735  
16 ONCE.

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18 **BIDDER:** 740.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 740. 740 ONCE.

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22 **BIDDER:** 745.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 745. 745.

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1     **BIDDER:** 750.

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3     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 750. 755? 55. ANYBODY WANT TO DO 60? 60.

4     ANYBODY WANT TO DO 65?

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6     **BIDDER:** 775.

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8     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 775. THANK YOU, SIR. 775,000. 775,000 ONCE.

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10    **BIDDER:** 780.

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12    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 780. \$780,000. THIS IS FUN.

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14    **BIDDER:** 800,000.

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 800,000. 800,000. 800,000...

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE HAS THE MINERAL RIGHTS.

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20    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 805. I GOT \$805,000 ONCE.

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22    **BIDDER:** 810.

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24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 810. GOT \$810,000 ONCE.

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1 **BIDDER:** 815.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 815? OKAY. 815. 815 ONCE.

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5 **BIDDER:** 820.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 820. I'VE GOT 820. 820 ONCE.

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9 **BIDDER:** 825.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 825. 825 ONCE.

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13 **BIDDER:** 830.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 830 ONCE. 830...

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17 **BIDDER:** 835.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 835. GOT 835,000. DO I HEAR 840? I GOT 840?

20 DO I HEAR 45? 40? 45? 845?

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22 **BIDDER:** 860.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 860. WE'VE GOT \$860,000. DO I HEAR 860

25 ONCE? SIR?



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2 **BIDDER:** 865.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 865. OKAY. I'VE GOT 865. DO I HEAR ANYTHING  
5 HIGHER? 865.

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7 **BIDDER:** 900,000.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** \$900,000. I'VE GOT \$900,000. \$900,000 ONCE,  
10 \$900,000 TWICE.

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12 **BIDDER:** 905.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BOY, YOU WERE REAL QUIET THERE FOR A WHILE,  
15 NOW YOU JUST...

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEABISCUIT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE GOT \$905,000. 905 ONCE.

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21 **BIDDER:** 925.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** \$925,000. 925 ONCE.

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25 **BIDDER:** 930.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 930? 930? OKAY. I GOT 930. \$930,000 ONCE,  
3 \$930,000 TWICE.

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5 **BIDDER:** 940.

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7 **BIDDER:** 940.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 940?

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11 **BIDDER:** 945.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 945 OR 950? 945. OKAY. I GOT 945. 945 ONCE.

14

15 **BIDDER:** 955.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 955. I GOT 955. DO I HEAR ANYTHING HIGHER?  
18 955,000 ONCE, NUMBER 6. 955,000 TWICE.

19

20 **BIDDER:** 960.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 960. \$960,000. 965? PARDON ME? 970. GOT  
23 970.

24

25 **BIDDER:** 975.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 975. GOT 975.

3

4 **BIDDER:** ONE MILLION.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? ONE MILLION. OKAY. WE'VE GOT TO  
7 DO THIS MORE OFTEN. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** \$1 MILLION. DO I HEAR ANYTHING HIGHER? ONE  
10 MILLION ONCE, ONE MILLION TWICE.

11

12 **BIDDER:** ONE MILLION, FIVE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE MILLION, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. OKAY.  
15 OKAY. I GOT ONE MILLION FIVE. FIVE THOUSAND, THAT IS. ONE  
16 MILLION, FIVE THOUSAND. DO I HAVE ANYTHING HIGHER? OKAY. I GOT  
17 ONE MILLION 10. ANYTHING HIGHER? ONE MILLION, 10,000. 15. WE  
18 GOT ONE MILLION 15,000. ONE MILLION 20. EITHER REMAINING  
19 BIDDERS? 1 MILLION, 20,000. OKAY. ONE MILLION 20. ONE MILLION  
20 ONCE. 25? ONE MILLION 25. ONE MILLION 25. ONE MILLION 25 ONCE.  
21 ONE MILLION 30? I GOT ONE MILLION 30,000. 30. DO I HEAR 35?  
22 35, 35,000. DO I HEAR 40? 35,000. 1 MILLION, 35,000 FOR NUMBER  
23 TWO.

24

25 **BIDDER:** 1 MILLION, 50,000.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 1,050,000. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I GOT...

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4 **BIDDER:** 55.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 55? 55,000. 1 MILLION 55. DO I HEAR A  
7 MILLION 60 OR HIGHER?

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9 **BIDDER:** 60.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE MILLION 60. I GOT A MILLION 60. 65 OR  
12 HIGHER?

13

14 **BIDDER:** 65.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOT \$1,065,000. DO I HEAR A MILLION 70? GOT  
17 A MILLION 65,000. 70? GOT A MILLION 70. DO I HEAR 75? 75. DO I  
18 HEAR 80?

19

20 **BIDDER:** (INDISTINCT VOICE)

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE POINT ONE MILLION DOLLARS. \$100,000.  
23 \$1,100,000. AND IS ONE MILLION...

24

25 **BIDDER:** \$1,105,000.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. 105. DO I HAVE ANYTHING HIGHER? I GOT  
3 ONE...

4

5 **BIDDER:** 125.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 125. I'VE GOT \$1,125,000.

8

9 **BIDDER:** 1,130,000.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE GOT 30. \$1,130,000. DO I HEAR ANYTHING  
12 HIGHER? \$1,130,000 ONCE...

13

14 **BIDDER:** 45.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 45?

17

18 **BIDDER:** (INDISTINCT VOICE)

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY \$1,145,000. I'M RUNNING OUT OF PAPER.  
21 YOU GOT THAT, RIGHT? 1,145,000. DO I HEAR ANYTHING HIGHER?

22

23 **BIDDER:** 1,150,000.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. 150,000. OKAY. \$1,150,000.



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2 **BIDDER:** 55.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 55.

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6 **BIDDER:** 60.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 60.

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10 **BIDDER:** 75.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 75.

13

14 **BIDDER:** 80.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 80.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU GUYS SHOULD BECOME PARTNERS. [ LAUGHTER ]

19

20 **BIDDER:** IS THAT LEGAL?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** \$1,180,000. \$1,180,000 ONCE. 180. NUMBER

23 TWO BID \$1,180,000.

24

25 **BIDDER:** 85.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GOT 85. DO I HEAR 90, 190? ONE  
3 MILLION ONE NINE-- 190? OKAY. I GOT 190. 1,200,000. DO I HEAR  
4 ONE MILLION 205 OR HIGHER? ONE MILLION 205 ONCE. 200. EXCUSE  
5 ME. \$1,200,000 205? 205? \$1,205,000 ONCE. \$1,205,000 TWICE.  
6 SOLD. \$1,205,000 TO BIDDER NUMBER TWO. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'VE NEVER SEEN THE C.A.O. SMILE SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INVITE US TO THE RIBBON CUTTING.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ALL THE BIDDERS.  
13 OKAY. ITEM NUMBER...

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE JUST NEED A MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE MOVES AND THE CHAIR WILL  
18 SECOND THAT WE ACCEPT THE BID OF \$1,205,000.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM  
23 NUMBER FOUR.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER FOUR IS THE HEARING ON  
2 ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING  
3 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,  
4 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL  
5 ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
6 2004/2005 AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT REQUIRES A STAFF STATEMENT, AS I  
9 UNDERSTAND IT.

10

11 **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR AND I'M  
12 PRINCIPAL CIVIL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
13 WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
14 THE 29 SUBDIVISION AREAS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER TO  
15 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
16 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND FOR THE LEVYING AND  
17 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION AREAS. NONE  
18 OF THE SUBDIVISION AREAS LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY  
19 CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED SUBDIVISION AREAS WILL BE  
20 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED, AND  
21 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
22 BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE  
23 ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT AND THE RECOMMENDATION  
24 TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AND THAT YOU APPROVE  
25 AND ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE



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1 AFFECTED TAXING AGENCIES AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER  
2 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE VALENCIA AREA WIDE LANDSCAPE T-1-A,  
3 SANTA CLARITA, WHICH INADVERTENTLY INCLUDED.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, AND I  
6 THINK THE EXEC...

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT  
9 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF  
10 BALLOTS, AND CONTINUE THE ITEM ONE WEEK FOR TABULATION RESULTS  
11 AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE  
14 HEARING AND CONTINUE THE HEARING FOR ONE WEEK WITH THE  
15 TABULATION OF THE RESULTS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
16 DECISION BY THE BOARD. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 5 IS CONTINUED ONE  
20 WEEK. ITEM NUMBER SIX, HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S  
21 REPORT TO ABATE NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ET  
22 CETERA, ON UNIMPROVED PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. WE HAVE NO  
23 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S NO STATEMENT  
2    NECESSARY ON ITEM NUMBER 6, SO MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
3    HEARING. SO ORDERED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
4    BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 7, HEARING ON THE BRUSH CLEARANCE  
7    REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS,  
8    AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION TO INCLUDE  
9    NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON IMPROVED PARCELS IN THE  
10    COUNTY, AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

11

12    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND NO STATEMENT IS NECESSARY HERE  
13    SO WE'LL MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS,  
14    SO ORDERED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
15    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
16    ORDERED.

17

18    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 8, HEARING TO VACATE A PORTION OF  
19    THE ALLEY NORTH OF EAGLE STREET, UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS  
20    ANGELES AREA. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND WE NEED A REQUIRED STATEMENT  
23    HERE.

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1   **RAFAEL MACHUCA:** YES. MY NAME IS RAFAEL MACHUCA. I AM A SENIOR  
2   SURVEY MAPPING TECHNICIAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
3   I HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S  
4   EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF THE ALLEY NORTH OF EAGLE  
5   STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES AREA. THE  
6   VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
7   WHICH IS THE UNDERLYING PROPERTY OWNER. THE PROPOSED VACATION  
8   AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 65,000 SQUARE FEET. IN MY OPINION,  
9   THE INVOLVED EASEMENT INTEREST IS NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR  
10   PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. THE PROPOSED VACATION IS CONDITIONAL  
11   UPON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDING A REALIGNED SECTION OF THE  
12   ALLEY, RELATED SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED STREET  
13   DEDICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. WE ARE AWARE OF NO WRITTEN  
14   PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS? DO WE HAVE ANYONE  
17   SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? OKAY. THEN WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
18   HEARING AND THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
19   YAROSLAVSKY -- EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
20   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 9, HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
23   TO TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, LIMITING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
24   OR EXPANSION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS TO "M" ZONES AND



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1 REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PRIOR TO THE ERECTION OF  
2 SUCH SIGNS. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **MICHAEL TRIP:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL TRIP. MR.  
5 GARCIA AND I WERE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ON  
6 MAY 14TH, 2002, YOUR BOARD PLACED A MORATORIUM ON THE  
7 ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS.  
8 DURING THE MORATORIUM, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
9 PREPARED A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY THAT CONSIDERED DIFFERENT  
10 APPROACHES TO CONTROLLING THE PROLIFERATION OF OUTDOOR  
11 ADVERTISING SIGNS. BASED ON THAT STUDY AND INPUT FROM YOUR  
12 BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS DRAFTED A NEW  
13 ORDINANCE TO HELP PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS FROM THE NEGATIVE  
14 IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS. APPROVING  
15 THE ORDINANCE WILL LIMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF  
16 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS TO "M" INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND REQUIRE  
17 A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO FIRST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO THE  
18 PLACEMENT OF SUCH SIGNS. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION. WE  
19 ARE NOW OPEN TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE  
22 US. WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER, MR. ED DATO FROM THE PUBLIC IS  
23 SIGNED UP. ED, DO YOU WANT TO COME UP?

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MIGHT, WHILE THE SPEAKER IS  
2   COMING UP. OUR OFFICE PROVIDED YOUR BOARD WITH A SLIGHTLY  
3   MODIFIED ORDINANCE ON FRIDAY. THE ONLY CHANGE WAS THE  
4   INSERTION OF A PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT, WHEN THIS  
5   ORDINANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE, SHOULD YOUR BOARD CHOOSE TO ADOPT  
6   IT, THAT THE INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ALL SIGNS  
7   WILL BE TERMINATED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ED?

10

11   **ED DATO:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS ED DATO.  
12   I'M HERE WITH CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR AND, FIRST OF ALL, I'D  
13   LIKE TO THANK THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
14   OFFICE FOR THEIR HELP IN PUTTING TOGETHER THIS ORDINANCE,  
15   PROPOSED ORDINANCE. WE DO OBJECT TO ONE PART OF IT. I THINK  
16   LIMITING IT JUST TO "M" ZONES IS A LITTLE BIT TOO RESTRICTIVE.  
17   YOU HAVE A LOT OF REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO HEIGHT AND  
18   SPACING, SUCH AS YOUR COMMUNITY AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN  
19   ESTABLISHED IN SEVERAL OF THE DISTRICTS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
20   SEE THAT CM AND C-3 BE ADDED TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.  
21   WHEN ASKED IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHY, BASICALLY, THAT'S  
22   WHERE WE DO BUSINESS. THAT'S WHERE WE SELL THE ADVERTISER'S  
23   PRODUCTS, IN THE C-3 ZONE, THE HEAVY COMMERCIAL ZONES, AND THE  
24   CM ZONE, IN ADDITION TO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES. SO I WOULD HOPE  
25   THAT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 WOULD CONSIDER ADDING THOSE TWO ZONES, EVEN IF THEY ADDED  
2 ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE BUT STILL  
3 PERMITTING THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'D BE HAPPY TO  
4 ANSWER THEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, ED.  
7 SUPERVISOR BURKE, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A MOTION.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION AND I'D JUST LIKE TO KIND OF  
10 RESPOND TO WHAT MR. DATO SAID. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO  
11 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE'VE HAD A LOT OF COOPERATION FROM  
12 THE INDUSTRY AND PARTICULARLY ALL THE HARD WORK FROM PLANNING.  
13 WE HAVE TRIED TO ARRIVE AT A MECHANISM OF WHERE THERE WOULD BE  
14 AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ADDITIONAL BILLBOARDS IN COMMERCIAL  
15 ZONES BUT WE'VE SET UP A MECHANISM HERE. WHILE WE SAY THAT THE  
16 NEWS WOULD GO ONLY IN MANUFACTURING, IF THERE IS A DESIRE TO  
17 PUT THEM IN COMMERCIAL, IT CAN BE NEGOTIATED BY REDUCING  
18 SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO, IN EFFECT, WHAT IT PROVIDES IS THAT YOU  
19 STABILIZE ALL OF YOUR BILLBOARD NUMBERS, EXCEPT FOR NEW ONES  
20 GOING IN MANUFACTURING, BUT IF IT'S DESIRED TO HAVE MORE IN  
21 COMMERCIAL, THAT IT CAN BE WORKED OUT BY EITHER REMOVING ONE  
22 SOMEWHERE ELSE IN COMMERCIAL OR REMOVING ONE IN ANOTHER AREA.  
23 SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE SET UP A PROCESS WHERE THERE'S NOT A  
24 PROHIBITION AGAINST NEW BILLBOARDS IN COMMERCIAL BUT IT SETS  
25 UP A MECHANISM OF WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE A PROLIFERATION. AND,



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1 OF COURSE, THIS HAS BEEN OF REAL CONCERN, BECAUSE MOST OF THE  
2 NEW APPLICATIONS WERE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AN  
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, SO WE REALLY HAD  
4 TO COME FORWARD WITH SOMETHING THAT WORKED OUT AN APPROACH  
5 WHERE WE WOULDN'T JUST HAVE A PROHIBITION, BUT, AT THE SAME  
6 TIME, WE WOULD KEEP FROM HAVING JUST A PROLIFERATION WITHIN  
7 SOME AREAS AND SOME PEOPLE BEARING ALL THE BURDEN IN TERMS OF  
8 BILLBOARDS. AND WHILE I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT PERFECT FOR  
9 ANYONE, AND I'M SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO BILLBOARDS  
10 ARE NOT HAPPY WITH IT JUST AS THE INDUSTRY IS NOT TOTALLY  
11 HAPPY WITH IT. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD PLACE FOR US TO START  
12 AND WE'LL SEE HOW THIS WORKS. I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN WORK  
13 TOGETHER ON THIS AND WE CAN ARRIVE AT THOSE, AND SOME  
14 MECHANISM, TO HAVE BALANCE.

15

16 **ED DATO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE'D BE VERY HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE  
17 PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND YOUR OFFICE TO SEE IF WE CAN WORK OUT  
18 SUCH A MECHANISM.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I MOVE THE  
21 AMENDMENT, THE MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE THE MOTION AS AMENDED BY YOUR-- RIGHT?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** AS I HAVE AMENDED IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US AS AMENDED  
3 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ANY  
4 FURTHER QUESTIONS? ANY OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ED. REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

7

8 **ED DATO:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE'VE TAKEN UP NUMBER 10. NUMBER 11 IS  
11 CONTINUED TO MAY 25TH. SO WE'RE ON ITEM NUMBER 12, COMBINED  
12 HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CASE NUMBER  
13 021825, TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED  
14 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZONE AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP  
15 NUMBER 539425 TO CREATE ONE MULTI-FAMILY LOT WITH 18 ATTACHED  
16 NEW CONDOMINIUMS ON .85 ACRES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5235,  
17 5237 ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD, EAST SAN GABRIEL ZONED DISTRICT,  
18 PETITIONED BY EVEREST INVESTMENT GROUP. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
19 PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL ENTERTAIN THE REQUIRED  
22 STATEMENT.

23

24 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M ELLEN  
25 FITZGERALD, SUPERVISING AND REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. PROJECT 02182, INCLUDING ZONE  
2 CHANGE, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP  
3 53942 IS A REQUEST TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY ZONING AND  
4 APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO SUBDIVIDE THE .85-ACRE  
5 SITE INTO 18 CONDOMINIUMS ON ONE MULTI-FAMILY LOT. THE PROJECT  
6 SITE IS LOCATED AT 5235 TO 5237 ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD. IT WAS  
7 PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED WITH THREE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES WHICH  
8 HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED. PROPERTIES TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG  
9 ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD ARE DEVELOPED WITH MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
10 BUILDINGS, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES EXIST TO THE WEST AND  
11 COMMERCIAL USES ARE LOCATED TO THE EAST. THE PROPOSED  
12 CONDOMINIUM PROJECT IS COMPRISED OF 18 RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN  
13 FOUR BUILDINGS. THE DEVELOPMENT TAKES ACCESS FROM THE SERVICE  
14 ROAD ADJACENT TO ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD. EACH CONDOMINIUM UNIT  
15 WILL BE 1,750 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE WITH THREE BEDROOMS AND A  
16 STUDY. EACH WILL HAVE ITS OWN TWO-CAR GARAGE. THE PUBLIC  
17 HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL WAS HELD BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
18 COMMISSION ON JULY 9TH, 2003. THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED THE  
19 PROJECT DESIGN AND NOTED THE EXISTING MULTI-FAMILY  
20 DEVELOPMENTS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. NO TESTIMONY IN  
21 OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT WAS PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING  
22 AND STAFF RECEIVED NO WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROJECT. ON  
23 SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2003, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, ON A  
24 UNANIMOUS VOTE, ADOPTED THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR  
25 THE PROJECT, APPROVED THE TENTATIVE MAP AND CONDITIONAL USE



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1 PERMIT AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE ZONE CHANGE, FINDING  
2 THAT THE SITE CURRENTLY HAS LIMITED POTENTIAL FOR SINGLE-  
3 FAMILY OR AGRICULTURAL USE DUE TO THE EXISTING AND EMERGING  
4 DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS IN THE AREA AND THAT THE REQUEST IS  
5 CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT ON ADJACENT  
6 PROPERTIES. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IS THERE ANYONE  
9 WITH ANY WRITTEN PROTESTS? ANY WRITTEN PROTESTS? VIOLET? ANY  
10 WRITTEN PROTESTS?

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY. NO, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? IF NOT, THE  
15 ITEM IS BEFORE US. I MOVE WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. SO  
16 ORDERED. ITEM 12 WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA-- NO, SHE'S NOT HERE--  
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 13, COMBINED HEARING ON  
21 CONDITIONAL USE AND OAK TREE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 992395 TO  
22 AUTHORIZE A DENSITY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENSURE  
23 COMPLIANCE WITH HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA AND  
24 AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF 61 OAK TREES AND ENCROACHMENTS INTO  
25 THE PROTECTED ZONE OF 11 ADDITIONAL TREES. INVESTING TENTATIVE



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1 TRACT MAP CASE NUMBER 531385 RELATING TO DEER LAKE PROJECT  
2 LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CHATSWORTH, CHATSWORTH  
3 ZONED DISTRICT PETITIONED BY PRESIDIO CHATSWORTH PARTNERS LLC.  
4 AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON  
5 THIS ITEM.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? WE HAVE A NUMBER  
8 OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, BOTH IN FAVOR AS WELL  
9 AS IN OPPOSITION. WE WOULD ASK, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY,  
10 THAT YOU LIMIT YOUR TESTIMONY, THAT YOU'RE NOT ALL SAYING THE  
11 SAME THING, THAT IT'S NOT REDUNDANT. I'M GOING TO CALL FIRST  
12 H. PIKE OLIVER, HANS GERARD-- PARDON ME? PARDON?

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14 **SPEAKER:** (INDISTINCT VOICES).

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT WE DID THAT ALREADY. WE NEED A  
17 STAFF STATEMENT BEFORE WE TAKE TESTIMONY?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** STAFF HAS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE  
20 PROJECT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD. SORRY.

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24 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** ELLEN FITZGERALD, REPRESENTING THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS THE



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1 SUBJECT OF TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 53138, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT,  
2 AND OAK TREE PERMIT 99239 IS A 230-ACRE SITE LOCATED NORTH OF  
3 THE SIMI VALLEY FREEWAY AT THE NORTHERLY TERMINUS OF TOPANGA  
4 CANYON BOULEVARD AND CANOGA AVENUE IN CHATSWORTH. SOUTH OF THE  
5 PROJECT SITE IS THE COMMUNITY OF TWIN LAKES WITH APPROXIMATELY  
6 100 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. TO THE EAST IS THE CITY OF LOS  
7 ANGELES, IS PORTER RANCH DEVELOPMENT OF OVER 3,000 RESIDENCES.  
8 TO THE WEST ARE MULTI-FAMILY UNITS AND SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE  
9 LOTS AND, TO THE NORTH, IS THE UNDEVELOPED-- IS UNDEVELOPED  
10 OPEN SPACE, NOW LARGELY IN PRIVATE-- SORRY, PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.  
11 THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY IS KNOWN AS DEER LAKE RANCH, A  
12 TOTAL OF 388 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS, A SHERIFF STOREFRONT  
13 SUBSTATION, A FIRE DEPARTMENT HELIPAD, LOTS FOR PRIVATE AND  
14 FUTURE STREETS, 21 OPEN SPACE LOTS TOTALING OVER 75 ACRES AND  
15 FOUR REMAINDER PARCELS ARE PROPOSED. THE PROJECT WILL BE  
16 ACCESSED FROM A STREET CONNECTION FROM EXISTING PULIMA PLACE  
17 AND TWO NEW BRIDGES ACROSS DEVIL'S CANYON. THE PROJECT IS  
18 DESIGNED AS FOUR DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A VARIETY OF LOT  
19 SIZES, A TOTAL OF A 155 LOTS, WILL BE OVER 15,000 SQUARE FEET  
20 IN SIZE AND 55 WILL BE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO ACCOMMODATE  
21 HORSE-KEEPING ACTIVITIES. AN INTERNAL SYSTEM OF RIDING AND  
22 HIKING TRAILS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM  
23 AND IT CONNECTS THROUGH AN ADJACENT PROPERTY TO DEVIL'S  
24 CANYON. THE PROJECT WAS INITIALLY SUBMITTED IN 1999. AND,  
25 PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL, THE APPLICANT MET EXTENSIVELY WITH COUNTY



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1 STAFF TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE  
2 SITE GIVEN ITS UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS AND HISTORY. MUCH OF THE  
3 SITE IS ZONED R-1 6,000, WHICH PERMITS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE  
4 ON LOTS AS SMALL AS 6,000 SQUARE FEET AND IS DESIGNATED RURAL  
5 COMMUNITIES ON THE GENERAL PLAN, REFLECTING PREVIOUS  
6 SUBDIVISION OF THE SITE. THE RURAL COMMUNITY'S LAND USE  
7 DESIGNATION PERMITS DEVELOPMENT AT LOW URBAN DENSITIES  
8 CONSISTING WITH THE R-1 6,000 ZONING. REMAINING AREA OF THE  
9 SITE IS ZONED A-11 AND IS NON-URBAN, PERMITTING DENSITIES UP  
10 TO ONE UNIT PER ACRE. THIS PORTION OF THE SITE CONTAINS  
11 RELATIVELY FLATTER TOPOGRAPHY SO THE PROJECT DESIGN INCLUDES A  
12 TRANSFER OF DENSITY TO THIS AREA CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL  
13 PLANNED POLICIES. THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED AS A DENSITY  
14 CONTROLLED OR A CLUSTERED PROJECT, WHERE DENSITY IS AVERAGED  
15 OVER THE ENTIRE PROJECT SITE. THE RURAL DENSITY OF THE PROJECT  
16 IS 1.7 UNITS PER ACRE, CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING AND GENERAL  
17 PLAN DESIGNATIONS OF THE PROPERTY. THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
18 COMMISSION INITIALLY HEARD TESTIMONY ON A PROJECT OF 484  
19 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. EXTENSIVE OPPOSITION TESTIMONY TO  
20 THE PROJECT WAS HEARD RELATED TO CONCERNS ABOUT EXCESSIVE  
21 DENSITY, TRAFFIC, IMPACTS ON SCHOOLS, FIRE SERVICES AND  
22 LIBRARIES, SAFETY ISSUES, AND CONSTRUCTION-RELATED IMPACTS,  
23 STORM WATER IMPACTS, THE NEED FOR A CONNECTING TRAIL SYSTEM,  
24 THE LOSS OF NATURAL AREA, AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROVISION OF  
25 ACCESS TO PROPERTIES LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF THE PROJECT. THE



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1 COMMISSION DIRECTED THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY  
2 TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS AND THE PROJECT WAS REDESIGNED  
3 DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. THE HEARING WAS CONTINUED A  
4 TOTAL OF SIX TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF ALMOST TWO YEARS. THE  
5 COMMISSION WAS ASSURED THAT THE PROJECT'S TRAIL SYSTEM WILL  
6 INTEGRATE WITH THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS AND, IN  
7 RESPONSE TO TESTIMONY, CONDITION THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE  
8 PARKING FOR TRAIL USERS. THE COMMISSION HEARD EXTENSIVE  
9 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED STORM WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM AND  
10 DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATED TO THE LOCATION OF COUNTY SERVICES IN  
11 THE COMMUNITY. THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY OWNERS OF PROPERTIES  
12 TO THE NORTH OF THE PROJECT RESULTED IN THE COMMISSION  
13 REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF A TAP STREET IN A FEASIBLE AND  
14 LOGICAL LOCATION TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL ACCESS TO THESE PROPERTY  
15 OWNERS. THE COMMISSION ALSO NOTED NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL  
16 CONDITIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY THE DEVELOPER. THE  
17 PROJECT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DETERMINED THAT ALL  
18 SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT CAN BE REDUCED TO  
19 AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL BY INCORPORATION OF REQUIRED MITIGATION  
20 MEASURES AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED  
21 UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROJECT ON JANUARY 14TH, 2004. WE  
22 HAVE STAFF MEMBERS WHO PROCESSED THE PROJECT AND ARE VERY  
23 FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS AND THEY'RE ALL HERE TODAY IF WE  
24 NEED THEM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS  
2   POINT? IF NOT, WE WILL BEGIN TESTIMONY. I THINK I CALLED UP  
3   MR. OLIVER, MR. GERARD, CHUCK MOORE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK JOE  
4   EDMUNDSTON TO JOIN US AS WELL. AND EACH SPEAKER WILL GET TWO  
5   MINUTES. GO AHEAD.

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7   **PIKE OLIVER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
8   BOARD. I'M PIKE OLIVER, A PRINCIPAL OF PRESIDIO CHATSWORTH  
9   PARTNERS, THE APPLICANT AND THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR ITEM 13 ON  
10  YOUR AGENDA TODAY. OUR LOCAL OFFICE IS AT 601 FIGUEROA, 21ST  
11  FLOOR HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
12  RESPOND TO THE BOARD'S CALL FOR REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL  
13  PLANNING COMMISSION'S UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF A NEW PLAN FOR  
14  DEER LAKE RANCH. SITTING WITH ME TODAY ARE HANS GERARD, A  
15  CONSULTING ENGINEER WHO HAS WORKED ON THIS EFFORT FOR NEARLY A  
16  DECADE; AND CHUCK MOORE, OUR ATTORNEY WHO HAS WORKED WITH US  
17  AND SUBMITTED THE INFORMATION PACKAGE THAT WAS DELIVERED TO  
18  YOUR BOARD LATE LAST WEEK. AND WE'RE ALSO PLEASED TO HAVE WITH  
19  US THIS MORNING JOE EDMUNDSTON FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
20  CONSERVANCY. BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, I'D JUST LIKE TO OFFER A  
21  BRIEF BUT HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE COUNTY STAFF AND  
22  REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE,  
23  THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND ALSO THE FIFTH  
24  DISTRICT WHO HAVE PUT IN COUNTLESS HOURS HELPING US TO GET TO  
25  WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND ALSO TO MEMBERS OF THE CHATSWORTH



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1 COMMUNITY AND OTHERS WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE  
2 PLANNING EFFORT. THEIR PARTICIPATION HELPED US ADDRESS  
3 IMPORTANT CONCERNS AND RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED  
4 PLAN FOR DEER LAKE RANCH. AND IT IS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ALL  
5 THESE PEOPLE THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AND  
6 CONCERNS RAISED OVER THE PAST, I GUESS IT'S FIVE YEARS. THE  
7 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EFFORT THAT WE ENGAGED IN INCLUDED OVER 50  
8 MEETINGS TO PRESENT IDEAS, DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND, MOST  
9 IMPORTANT, SEEK INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY, INPUT FROM THE  
10 ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT WERE CREATED ON TWO OCCASIONS WITH  
11 THE HELP OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT STAFF. FIRST, TO DELVE INTO  
12 PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION, AND THEN TO DELIBERATE ON THE  
13 SIZE, SHAPE, AND CHARACTER OF THE NEW COMMUNITY. THIS  
14 CULMINATED IN THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF  
15 THE NEW 388 LOT PLAN FOR DEER LAKE RANCH IN JANUARY AND THIS  
16 APPROVED PLAN IS A KEY MILESTONE IN IMPLEMENTING A THREE-PARTY  
17 AGREEMENT AMONG THE COUNTY, THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
18 CONSERVANCY, AND THE PROPERTY OWNER THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED  
19 OVER SIX YEARS AGO IN 1997.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP OR USE SOME OF THEIR  
22 TIME. IT'S UP TO YOU.

23  
24 **PIKE OLIVER:** YES. I THINK THAT MR. GERARD AND MR. MOORE WILL  
25 DEFER THEIR TIME TO ME. THANK YOU.



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2     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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4     **PIKE OLIVER:** THAT AGREEMENT, IN ITS FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS  
5     THAT WERE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, GAVE THE COUNTY THE  
6     OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE-- TO FAVORABLY SHAPE FUTURE GROWTH  
7     WITHIN THE OLD DEER LAKE'S ISLANDS SUBDIVISION AND TO LIMIT  
8     FUTURE INAPPROPRIATE GROWTH IN SURROUNDING OPEN SPACE AREAS  
9     AND TO LOCK IN SUBSTANTIAL TRAIL AND OPEN SPACE CONNECTIONS  
10    THAT OTHERWISE COULD NOT BE MADE AND DECREASE THE POTENTIAL  
11    FOR THE AREA TO BE DEGRADED THE OVER TIME BY DISPERSED AND  
12    POORLY COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT. AND IT ALSO OFFERED THE  
13    OPPORTUNITY TO DECREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS WITHIN THE  
14    DEER LAKE/HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION. DURING OUR WORK, THE TOPICS  
15    OF PARTICULAR CONCERN HAVE BEEN AESTHETICS, COMPATIBILITY WITH  
16    OPEN SPACE, THE NUMBER OF HOMES TO BE IN THE COMMUNITY,  
17    MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUESTRIANS, AND MINIMIZING AND  
18    MITIGATING TRAFFIC AS WELL AS ENSURING THAT WATER QUALITY IS  
19    MAINTAINED. AND, AS STAFF HAS INDICATED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL  
20    YEARS, A NEW PLAN HAS EVOLVED. KEY CHANGES DURING THAT PROCESS  
21    OF REFINEMENT WERE THE REDUCTION IN INTENSITY FROM THE 538  
22    HOMES THAT WE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
23    REVIEW PROCESS TO THE 388 HOMES THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE  
24    REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION; SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN LOTS  
25    EXCEEDING 15,000 SQUARE FEET, SUCH THAT OVER 60% OF THE



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1 PROJECT AREA NOW CONSISTS OF SUCH LOTS; AND ADDITION OF LOTS  
2 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR HORSE-KEEPING. IN ADDITION TO THE  
3 OVERALL, THE CHARACTER OF THE-- THE OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE  
4 PROJECT WAS MODIFIED BY PROVIDING FOR DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOODS  
5 WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HOUSING TO MEET A DIVERSITY OF FAMILY  
6 LIFESTYLES. I THINK THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THIS PLAN PRESENTS IS  
7 TO RESOLVE LONGSTANDING ANTIQUATED SUBDIVISION AND  
8 INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE LACK OF SEWERS IN THE  
9 ADJACENT TWIN LAKES COMMUNITY. IT RETIRES APPROXIMATELY 2,600  
10 LOTS IN OLD SUBDIVISIONS THAT WERE CREATED IN THE 1920S,  
11 BRINGS IMPORTANT LANDS INTO PERMANENT OPEN SPACE WITH FUNDING  
12 TO ENSURE PROPER LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT, PUTS PROPERTIES THAT  
13 WERE TAX DELINQUENT FOR MANY YEARS BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS WITH  
14 SUBSTANTIALLY ADDED VALUE, INCORPORATES HIGH STANDARDS FOR  
15 LANDSCAPING AND ARCHITECTURE AND PROVIDES FOR SUBSTANTIAL  
16 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS THROUGH CONDITIONS LINKED TO  
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. AND THAT'S DETAILED  
18 IN TAB 4 IN THE PACKAGE SUBMITTED BY CHUCK MOORE. TO CONCLUDE,  
19 THE NEW PLAN FOR DEER LAKE RANCH ADDRESSES THESE CONCERNS AND  
20 REFLECTS A BALANCE BETWEEN ACCOMMODATING LARGE LOTS, INCREASED  
21 ACCOMMODATION FOR EQUESTRIANS, RECOGNIZING THE REALITIES OF  
22 THE HISTORIC SUBDIVISION, AND ALSO RECOGNIZES THE FACT THAT  
23 ALL IMPACTS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED, AS REFLECTED IN THE  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCED BY THE  
25 FACT THAT WE'VE OBTAINED ALL REQUIRED REGIONAL, STATE, AND



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1 FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES AND PERMITS. WE'RE VERY PROUD  
2 OF THIS NEW PLAN AND WE URGE YOUR BOARD TO RATIFY THE PLANNING  
3 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. WE DO HAVE ONE REQUEST. DESPITE OUR  
4 BEST EFFORTS, THERE ARE FOUR OF THE SMALL HISTORIC LOTS THAT  
5 WE DO NOT YET OWN. I'VE DRAFTED SOME CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS  
6 APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO INTEGRATE THESE LOTS AS A NEW PLAN IF WE'RE  
8 ABLE TO ACQUIRE THEM AND THESE CHANGES ARE ATTACHED TO THE  
9 PRINTED COPY OF MY REMARKS, WHICH I WILL HAND TO THE CLERK OF  
10 THE BOARD. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT, AT THE END OF TODAY'S  
11 PROCEEDINGS, YOUR BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, REQUEST THE  
12 STAFF TO FINALIZE THE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS, RESOLUTIONS AND  
13 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE AVAILABLE TO  
14 RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOUR BOARD MAY HAVE, EITHER NOW OR  
15 LATER IN TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU  
18 MAY WANT TO RESPOND LATER AT SOME POINT BUT MR. EDMUNDSTON?

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20 **JOSEPH EDMINSTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. JOE EDMINSTON,  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.  
22 FIRST OF ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOUR PROWESS AS AN AUCTIONEER  
23 AMAZED ME. WE HAD QUITE A GOOD TIME WATCHING THAT AND IF IT  
24 EVER GETS SO BAD-- IT WON'T EVER GET THAT BAD THAT WE HAVE TO  
25 SELL SOMETHING OFF, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU AS OUR AUCTIONEER.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ADMIT IT, EDMINSTON, YOU JUST WANTED TO  
3 BE UP THERE BIDDING. [ LAUGHTER ]

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5 **JOSEPH EDMINSTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIVE YEARS-- ACTUALLY, ABOUT  
6 EIGHT YEARS AGO, SOME GENTLEMEN REPRESENTING A PREVIOUS  
7 PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM CAME UP AND SAID, "HERE'S OUR  
8 PLAN," AND WE SAID, "WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? IF YOU DO CLEAR  
9 CHANNEL BRIDGES, IF YOU MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO ADDITIONAL  
10 DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA, IF YOU DO TWO-THIRDS OF THE PROPERTY  
11 AS OPEN SPACE, PROVIDE PERMANENT MAINTENANCE, MAKE SURE THAT  
12 THERE'S AN ADEQUATE TRAIL SYSTEM, DO MORE LANDSCAPING THAN  
13 ANYBODY ELSE HAS EVER DONE, AND THEREBY ALLOW US TO USE YOU AS  
14 A DEMONSTRATION AND REASON WHY ALL OF THE DEVELOPERS WHO WON'T  
15 DO THAT ARE WRONG, THEN WE'LL CONSIDER THE PROJECT," AND I  
16 REMEMBER TELLING MR. EDELMAN, OUR CHIEF BIOLOGIST, "WE'LL  
17 NEVER HEAR FROM THESE GUYS AGAIN". WELL, AS A MATTER OF FACT,  
18 WE KEPT HEARING FROM THEM AND HEARING FROM THEM, AND THIS  
19 PROJECT DOES MEET ALL OF THE CONDITIONS THAT WE ORIGINALLY SET  
20 OUT, AND IT DOES HAVE SOME VERY INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT  
21 CONCERNS THAT WE RAISED ABOUT THE PERMANENT MAINTENANCE OF THE  
22 OPEN SPACE AND, VERY FRANKLY, A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT HAVE  
23 COME BEFORE YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WHO  
24 HAVE SAID THAT THEY CAN'T DO SUCH THINGS AS CLEAR SHIP CHANNEL  
25 SPANS TO AVOID ANY IMPACT ON RIPARIAN VEGETATION, THAT THEY



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1 CAN'T PROVIDE PERMANENT MAINTENANCE OF THE OPEN SPACE, THAT  
2 THEY CANNOT PROVIDE TWO-THIRDS OF THE LAND AREA AS OPEN SPACE,  
3 THIS PROJECT DEMONSTRATES THAT THESE KINDS OF THINGS CAN  
4 HAPPEN AND WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE A TEMPLATE FOR FUTURE  
5 DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL ASK, THEN, THAT COLBY KING,  
8 NICK KIMBALL, CHARLOTTE BRODY, AND PAUL ROSSMEISEL, IF I SAID  
9 THAT CORRECTLY, IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. YOU  
10 HAVE WRITTEN-- LET'S SEE. WERE YOU TRYING IT HAND SOMETHING IN  
11 THERE, MR. MOORE? WERE YOU TRYING TO PRESENT SOMETHING TO THE  
12 BOARD? OKAY. IF YOU'D IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD. YOU DO  
13 HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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15 **COLBY KING:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE  
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS COLBY KING, PRESIDENT OF COLBY KING  
17 COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTING FIRM BASED IN ENCINO  
18 AND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, RESIDENT OF TWELFTH CITY COUNCIL  
19 DISTRICT AND THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, HERE  
20 REPRESENTING V.I.C.A. TODAY, VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE  
21 ASSOCIATION, ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL NONPROFIT,  
22 NONPARTISAN BUSINESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTHERN  
23 CALIFORNIA. AND, ON BEHALF OF V.I.C.A., I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE  
24 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE DEER LAKE RANCH PROJECT AND TO URGE YOUR  
25 APPROVAL. V.I.C.A. SUPPORT STEMS FROM THREE PRIMARY FACTORS.



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1 FIRST, V.I.C.A. STRONGLY SUPPORTS PROJECTS THAT APPROVE  
2 ANTIQUATED SUBDIVISIONS. DEER LAKE RANCH WILL RESULT IN  
3 SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED SERVICES FOR THE TWIN LAKES AND  
4 ADJACENT AREAS AND WILL ADDRESS A HOST OF ENVIRONMENT ISSUES,  
5 THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS PROBABLY SEWAGE TREATMENT.  
6 SECOND, V.I.C.A. SUPPORTS DEER LAKE RANCH BECAUSE IT PROVIDES  
7 NEEDED ADDITIONAL HOUSING AT A VARIETY OF INCOME LEVELS. WE  
8 ALL KNOW ABOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING IN THE SAN  
9 FERNANDO VALLEY AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. DEER LAKE RANCH  
10 PROVIDES NEW HOUSING, WILL DO SO AT A NUMBER OF DISCRETE PRICE  
11 POINTS SO THAT IT WILL BE OPEN TO NEW RESIDENTS AT A VARIETY  
12 OF INCOME LEVELS. AND NOBODY HERE IS PRETENDING THAT EVEN THE  
13 LOWEST PRICED HOMES WILL BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AS WE  
14 UNDERSTAND THAT PHRASE, BUT I'M PLEASED THAT DEER LAKE RANCH  
15 HAS RESISTED CALLS TO HAVE THE ENTIRE PROJECT CONSIST OF  
16 MILLION DOLLAR MANSIONS. THE DIVERSITY REPRESENTED BY DEER  
17 LAKE RANCH IS A GOOD THING. FINALLY, THE DEER LAKE PROJECT  
18 WILL BE GOOD FOR BUSINESS, GOOD FOR THE COUNTY. ECONOMIC  
19 BENEFITS WILL BE QUITE SUBSTANTIAL. BETWEEN LABOR AND  
20 MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION WILL PUMP OVER \$130 MILLION INTO THE  
21 LOCAL ECONOMY. FURTHER, THE RESIDENTS OF DEER LAKE RANCH ARE  
22 PROJECTED TO GENERATE OVER \$66 MILLION IN AFTER TAX INCOME,  
23 MUCH OF WHAT WILL BE SPENT IN THE LOCAL AREA. THE COUNTY IS  
24 EXPECTED TO REAP OVER \$2 MILLION IN ANNUAL TAX BENEFITS AND  
25 OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL TWO MILLION. ON A



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1 MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I AM PLEASED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEER  
2 LAKE RANCH WILL RESULT IN THE PRESERVATION OF MANY ACRES OF  
3 OPEN SPACE, WILL ENSURE THAT HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND  
4 WILDLIFE CORRIDORS WILL BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS  
5 THE SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVANCY IS STRONG TESTIMONY THAT THIS  
6 IS A PROJECT THAT IS A WIN-WIN AND DESERVES EVERYONE'S  
7 SUPPORT. ON BEHALF OF V.I.C.A., THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING MY  
8 TESTIMONY.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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12 **NICK KIMBALL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NICK KIMBALL, I'M WITH  
13 THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'LL BE BRIEF. THE L.A.  
14 AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS INCREASED HOUSING AS A KEY  
15 ELEMENT TO THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF THE LOS ANGELES REGION.  
16 ADEQUATE HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR THE LOCAL  
17 ECONOMY. DEER LAKE RANCH HAS BEEN THROUGH A RIGOROUS PUBLIC  
18 PROCESS. THE COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPER HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO  
19 SOLVE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE AROSE. NOW IT IS  
20 SIMPLY AN ISSUE OF THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT WILL BE ABLE TO  
21 MOVE IN. THE L.A. CHAMBER ASKS YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ACTION  
22 TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPROVE THIS  
23 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHARLOTTE?



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2 **CHARLOTTE BRODIE:** I'M CHARLOTTE BRODIE. I'M HERE REPRESENTING

3 EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INCORPORATED, CORRAL 54, IN CHATSWORTH. WE

4 ARE SADDENED TO SEE OPEN SPACE DEVELOPED BUT HAVE WORKED

5 CLOSELY WITH THE DEVELOPERS OF DEER LAKE RANCH AND BELIEVE WE

6 HAVE WORKED OUT A TRAIL SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT THAT

7 WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. WE APPRECIATE

8 THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH US ON THE TRAIL ISSUES. THE

9 DEVELOPER HAS ALSO ADDED AN EQUESTRIAN PARK NEAR THE

10 NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE PROPERTY AND WILL PROVIDE TRAIL,

11 TIE RAILS, TABLES, WATER, AND TREES AT THE SITE. THIS WILL

12 BENEFIT ALL TRAIL USERS. WE'VE ASKED THAT THE PRIVATE TRAILS

13 BE INCREASED FROM SIX FEET WIDE TO NO LESS THAN EIGHT FOR THE

14 SAFETY OF THOSE USERS. WE'VE BEEN ASSURED THAT CONTINUED

15 ACCESS THROUGH THE PROJECT TO THE EXISTING TRAILS AROUND ITS

16 PERIMETER DURING DEVELOPMENT. WE STILL HAVE SOME CONCERNS. THE

17 TRAIL GOING NORTH FROM MYAN AND STREET A WILL CROSS DEVIL

18 CANYON BUT IT HAS ABOUT A 14-FOOT DROP AT THE CANYON'S EDGE.

19 THE COMPLETION OF A DEDICATED TRAIL AND/OR EASEMENT GOING

20 NORTH FROM TOPANGA AND STREET A THROUGH THE SONDERMAN RING

21 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND PEPPERDINE COLLEGE PROPERTY BEFORE

22 CONNECTING TO DEER LAKE TRAILS AGAIN ACROSS DEVIL CANYON. AND

23 THE CONTINUED ACCESS TO AN ESTABLISHED TRAIL ROUTE ON THE EAST

24 SIDE OF TOPANGA CANYON THAT CONNECTS THE DEER LAKE RANCH TRAIL

25 TO STONEY POINT NORTH. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS BECOME A



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1 DEDICATED TRAIL OR EASEMENT AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. IT  
2 HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE DEVELOPER ADD 55 EQUESTRIAN  
3 LOTS TO THE PROJECT ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL 115,000-PLUS  
4 SQUARE-FOOT LOTS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, LIKE TO HAVE SEEN MORE  
5 AS CHATSWORTH IS AN EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
6 REQUIRE THAT ALL SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS ON TOPANGA  
7 CANYON CHATSWORTH, RINALDI, CANOGA AND CANDACE BE COMPLETED  
8 PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ONSITE CONSTRUCTION. THIS WILL  
9 PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL MARGIN OF SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND  
10 EQUESTRIANS. CORRAL 54 WOULD LIKE TO SEEK WRITTEN  
11 CLARIFICATION ON THE OAK TREE MITIGATION AND THAT PLANTING BE  
12 REQUIRED RATHER THAN PAYMENT IN LIEU AND LOCATIONS BE SELECTED  
13 WHERE THERE IS NO FUTURE LIKELIHOOD OF REMOVAL, ALONG WITH A  
14 MONITORING PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO ASSURE PROPER WATERING AND  
15 REPLACEMENT OF UNHEALTHY TREES FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. AND  
16 STORM WATER: IF THE INCREASED VOLUME AND SPEED OF RUNOFF IS  
17 NOT CONTROLLED BY THE PLANNED MEASURES TO PREVENT EROSION OF  
18 DEVIL CANYON AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
19 PARKLAND, WHAT MEASURES/CONDITIONS CAN BE PUT IN PLACE TO  
20 RECTIFY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR? I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
21 SUPERVISORS' STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HELP IN WORKING WITH THE  
22 COMMUNITY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, PAUL, AND THEN I'M GOING  
25 TO CALL UP RUTH GERSON AND IRWIN BOYCHENCO AND WILLIAM POWERS



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1 TO JOIN US HERE. AND THOSE THAT HAVE SPOKEN, YOU CAN GO BACK  
2 TO YOUR SEATS. THANK YOU.

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4 **PAUL ROSSMEISEL:** HI. MY NAME IS PAUL ROSSMEISEL. I'M A  
5 RESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH, LOS ALAMOS STREET. MY WIFE AND I, WE  
6 LIVE IN A HALF-ACRE OF HORSE PROPERTY THERE AND WE DO HAVE A  
7 HORSE IN THE AREA, SO WE'RE QUITE INTERESTED IN THIS. WE DO  
8 WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS PROJECT  
9 AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO IT  
10 TO INCLUDE HORSE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC ACCESS TRAILS, AS I HAVE  
11 HEARD ABOUT, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT FOR US AND OUR FAMILY. AND  
12 SO AS-- MY REMARKS ARE THAT I'M HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT THIS AND  
13 WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PROJECT COMING IN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **RUTH GERSON:** MY NAME IS RUTH GERSON AND I REPRESENT THE  
18 RECREATION AND EQUESTRIAN COALITION. HAVING HORSE TRAILS  
19 THROUGH AND AROUND THIS PROJECT, AS WELL AS HAVING THE  
20 EQUESTRIAN PARCELS, REAFFIRMS THE EQUESTRIAN CHARACTER OF  
21 CHATSWORTH. I WHOLLY SUPPORT THE COMMENTS THAT CHARLOTTE  
22 BRODIE MADE OF E.T.I., CORRAL 54 AND THEIR COMMENTS, AND KEEP  
23 IN MIND THAT EQUESTRIANS GENERATE ONE BILLION, AND THAT'S WITH  
24 A "B", DOLLARS A YEAR IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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5    **IRWIN BOYCHENCO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.

6    MY NAME IS IRWIN BOYCHENCO, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH.

7    I'VE MOVED IN ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO AND WATCHED THIS PROJECT

8    GO FROM A PROJECT THAT I THOUGHT WAS OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE

9    COMMUNITY AS FAR AS DENSITY AND NOT ADDRESSING THE HORSE

10    ISSUE, BECAUSE I'VE LEARNED THAT CHATSWORTH IS MADE OUT OF TWO

11    THINGS AND THAT'S GOOD NEIGHBORS AND HORSES, AND NOT ALWAYS IN

12    THAT ORDER. SO AS I SAW THIS-- THESE PEOPLE WORK WITH THE

13    COMMUNITY, LOWER THE DENSITY, CREATE THE HORSE TRAILS, I SAW

14    THAT THEY'RE IN TOUCH WITH WHAT WE NEED OUT THERE. I'M VERY

15    HAPPY AT THE RESULTS AND I VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOR.

16

17    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. POWERS?

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19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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21    **WILLIAM POWERS:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M A RESIDENT OF

22    CHATSWORTH.

23

24    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME.

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1   **WILLIAM POWERS:** I'M BILL POWERS. I'M SORRY. I KNOW MOST OF  
2   YOU. I ASSUMED THAT WE HAD A... I AM-- I'M A RESIDENT OF  
3   CHATSWORTH, I'M A TWO-TERM PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHATSWORTH  
4   CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR OF THE  
5   UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I ALSO  
6   OWN A BUSINESS-- THREE BUSINESSES, AS A MATTER OF FACT, IN  
7   CHATSWORTH AND A COMMERCIAL BUILDING THERE. TO SAY THAT I'M  
8   COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY ON A BUSINESS LEVEL AND ON A  
9   QUALITY OF LIFE LEVEL WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. I BELIEVE  
10   THAT THIS PROJECT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY ON ALL  
11   LEVELS. I THINK IT'S A GOOD PROJECT, IT'S WELL PLANNED. IT'S  
12   TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE EQUESTRIAN CHARACTER OF THE  
13   COMMUNITY. IT'S PROVIDED ALL KINDS OF OPEN SPACE AND MANY  
14   BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY. I THINK, FROM AN ECONOMIC  
15   STANDPOINT, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THERE WILL BE A TREMENDOUS  
16   BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE BUSINESSES OF THE AREA.  
17   AND, FOR THAT REASON, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM  
20   THOSE THAT ARE OPPOSING THE PROJECT. WE'LL CALL ANN COX UP,  
21   JEANNIE PLUMB, VANESSA WATTERS AND MARTY WOLL. I'VE ALSO-- I  
22   HAVE HERE, CARLA HENRY IS GIVING HER TWO MINUTES TO ANN COX.  
23   THAT'S CORRECT, CARLA? WOULD YOU JUST SORT OF WAVE YOUR HAND?  
24   THAT'S CORRECT? OKAY. THANK YOU. SO ANN WILL START IT OUT AND  
25   I'LL PUT FOUR.



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1  
2 **ANN COX:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.  
3 THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR  
4 ANTONOVICH FOR CALLING UP THIS PROJECT. I'M ANNA RAPONYA COX,  
5 I'M AN 18-YEAR RESIDENT OF TWIN LAKES/CHATSWORTH AND I'M ALSO  
6 ON THE BOARD OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT OF SAVE  
7 CHATSWORTH. SINCE MARCH OF 2001, THE COMMUNITY OF CHATSWORTH,  
8 THROUGH THE JOINT MEMBERSHIPS OF SAVE CHATSWORTH, HAS FOCUSED  
9 EFFORTS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF DEER LAKE RANCH. THROUGH  
10 THE COMMUNICATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WE'VE HAD, WE'VE TRIED TO  
11 LIGHTEN THE IMPOSING EFFECTS OF A DEVELOPMENT THIS SIZE ON OR  
12 COMMUNITY, ALWAYS WITH THE CONSIDERATION THAT PRESIDIO HAS THE  
13 RIGHT TO BUILD. CHATSWORTH IS AN ECLECTIC RURAL AREA WITH  
14 LARGE HORSE-KEEPING RANCHES, MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS ESTATES AND  
15 CANYON HOMES. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THE SINCERE DESIRE  
16 TO INCLUDE DEER LAKE AS A COHESIVE EXTENSION OF THE COMMUNITY  
17 IN KEEPING WITH THE EXQUISITE TOPOGRAPHY AND THE HISTORICAL  
18 ASPECTS. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE AREA IS SHARED WITH AN  
19 ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE THAT LIVES IN OUR CANYONS OFF OF OUR  
20 DEVILS CREEK, CANYON CREEK, AND THEY ROAM TO THE OPEN SPACE UP  
21 INTO THE NEWLY CHRISTENED MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH REGIONAL PARK.  
22 WE KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT LEFT IN THIS PROJECT AS  
23 FAR AS DENSITY AND, OF COURSE, AS YOU KNOW, DENSITY AFFECTS  
24 ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE AN  
25 INTERESTING QUESTION WAS POSED TO ME IN OUR LAST OF SEVERAL



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1 MONTHS OF MEETINGS. JACK'S FOUND A PRINCIPAL IN THIS PROJECT,  
2 ASKED ME, IN THE EARSHOT OF A STAFF REPRESENTATIVE, "IF WE GET  
3 CLOSER TO 330 HOMES, CAN YOU GET THE COMMUNITY BEHIND THIS  
4 PROJECT?" OUR RESPONSE WAS A VERY DETAILED, VERY WELL  
5 RESEARCHED PRESENTATION TO PRESIDIO AND FIFTH DISTRICT STAFF.  
6 YOU WILL HEAR SOME OF THE GREATEST CONCERNS WE HAVE AND THE  
7 SOLUTIONS THAT WE PROPOSE TODAY FROM SOME OF OUR SAVE  
8 CHATSWORTH REPRESENTATIVES AND NEIGHBORS. OUR WISH LIST SHARES  
9 THE VISION OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S STATEMENT THAT THESE  
10 SHOULD BE ESTATE EQUESTRIAN 15,000-SQUARE-FOOT LOTS. WE WANT  
11 TO FEEL PROUD OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, WE WANT TO BE GOOD  
12 NEIGHBORS TO THEM BUT WE DO NOT WANT A BLATANTLY OBTRUSIVE  
13 PRESENCE SUCH AS OUR NEIGHBORING PORTER RANCH. DEER LAKE CAN  
14 BE AN EXAMPLE DEVELOPMENT WHICH RESULTED IN TEDIOUS EFFORTS ON  
15 THE PARTS OF L.A. COUNTY STAFF, DEVELOPER, AND COMMUNITY. AS  
16 YOU WILL HEAR, THERE ARE SOME SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE  
17 CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE. DEER LAKE CAN REFLECT THE BEAUTY OF  
18 CHATSWORTH'S CHARACTERISTICS WITH EMBODYING BEAUTIFUL  
19 PROPERTIES THAT WILL NOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE NEARBY. WE TRUST  
20 THE COUNTY STAFF WILL ENFORCE ALL THAT WE'VE WORKED ON  
21 TOGETHER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE WORK AND I  
22 PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK STAFF HAS BEEN IMPECCABLE AND  
23 METICULOUS EVERY STAGE OF THE WAY WITH THE COMMUNITY, SO THANK  
24 YOU FOR THAT. WE THANK THE SUPERVISOR ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR  
25 VISION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. AND I'M FOLLOWING THE  
3 ORDER THAT YOU GAVE ME, SO JEANNIE PLUMB AND FOLLOWED BY  
4 VANESSA, FOLLOWED BY MARTY.

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6 **JEANNIE PLUMB:** JEANNIE PLUMB, RESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH. DEER  
7 LAKE PRESIDIO'S PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING THE STORM WATER RUNOFF  
8 FROM THE ENTIRE PROJECT'S ACREAGE WITH A CONTINUOUS DEFLECTIVE  
9 SEPARATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION OF OURS SINCE THE  
10 BEGINNING OF THIS PROJECT. THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT ON THE  
11 PART OF THE-- EITHER THE COUNTY OR THE DEVELOPER AT ALL. THE  
12 MORE RESEARCH WE DID, THE MORE DISCREPANCIES WE FOUND IN THE  
13 CURRENT SYSTEM. IT IS NOT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE. IF YOU'RE  
14 NOT AWARE, THIS PROJECT IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY OPEN  
15 SPACE, EITHER OWNED BY THE COUNTY, OUR WONDERFUL NEW MICHAEL  
16 D. ANTONOVICH REGIONAL PARK AND OTHER OPEN SPACES. ALL OF THIS  
17 DEBRIS WILL FLOW INTO THESE-- INTO THE OPEN STREAMS ON EITHER  
18 SIDE OF THE PROJECT. YOU MAY BE UNAWARE THAT THE DEBRIS BASINS  
19 ARE NO LONGER CLEANED BY THE COUNTY. THEY ARE AT MAXIMUM,  
20 MAXIMUM FILL AND ALL OF THOSE ARE FILLED WITH SILT AND DEBRIS  
21 WHICH WILL COME INTO THIS SYSTEM. NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY  
22 THAT THE ACREAGE UPSTREAM IS NOW FULL OF DEBRIS AND WILL COME  
23 INTO THIS SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM DOES NOT CLEAR INSECTICIDES,  
24 CHLORINES, AND OTHER DISSOLVED CONTAMINANTS WHICH WILL FLOW  
25 INTO OUR OPEN STREAMS WHICH WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PRESERVING



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1 AND AFFECT ALL OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. SAVE CHATSWORTH  
2 PROPOSES THIS SOLUTION: FIRST OF ALL, THAT THE DEVELOPER, WITH  
3 THE COUNTY, EXPLORE SPLITTING THE SYSTEM, TAKING THE VIRGIN  
4 RAINWATER AND RUNOFF FROM THE OPEN SPACES AND ROUTING IT INTO  
5 OUR STREAMS SO THAT THEY WILL STILL GO AT FULL MAXIMUM, AS IS  
6 THE FEDERAL LAW. THEN, TAKING THE CONSTRUCTION RUNOFF FROM THE  
7 HOMES, WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH YOUR NEW CONDITIONS THAT  
8 WERE JUST HANDED TO US WORKED TO ADDRESS THAT, WE DO NOT WANT  
9 THE APPLICANT RESEARCHING NEW PROCEDURES DOWN THE LINE. WE  
10 WANT THIS HANDLED BEFORE THE PROJECT IS INITIATED AND I'M SURE  
11 IT CAN BE DONE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VANESSA?

14

15 **VANESSA WATTERS:** VANESSA WATTERS, SECRETARY OF TWIN LAKES  
16 PROPERTY OWNERS AND SAVE CHATSWORTH. REGARDING THE  
17 DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES AS A FORM OF A BEST MANAGEMENT  
18 PRACTICE FOR THIS PROJECT, ACCORDING TO OLIVER KRAMER, AN  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST FOR THE CITY OF SAN CLARITA, WHERE CDS  
20 UNITS ARE BEING WIDELY USED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, UNACCEPTABLE  
21 LEVELS OF DIAZINON WERE RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN ONE AREA OF THE  
22 WATERSHED OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. ALTHOUGH THIS CHEMICAL HAS  
23 BEEN OFF THE MARKET AND BANNED FROM USE FOR SOME TIME,  
24 APPARENTLY, PUBLIC EDUCATION HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH TO KEEP IT  
25 OUT OF THE WATERWAYS. IN THEORIES, PRINCIPAL POLLUTANT OF THE



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1 RIVER IS TRASH BUT, IN REALITY, WILL TRASH BE THE MAJOR  
2 POLLUTANT FROM A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS DEER LAKE  
3 RANCH? WE BELIEVE THAT CHEMICALS SUCH AS CHLORINE, RESIDUE  
4 FROM PESTICIDES, BRAKE DUST AND OTHER SUCH CONTAMINANTS WILL  
5 POLLUTE THE CREEK, NOT PAPER CUPS AND PLATES. AND, IN THE  
6 FUTURE, CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE THAT WE USE NOW AND THAT WE BELIEVE  
7 TO BE SAFE NOW MAY BE PROVEN TO BE HARMFUL. WE SUGGEST  
8 INVESTIGATING THE USE OF A TREATMENT TRAIN OF DEVICES, THE USE  
9 OF DIFFERENT STORM WATER TREATMENT UNITS TO TREAT DIFFERENT  
10 POLLUTANTS. EL DAPOTO, LAC D.P.W. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT  
11 DIVISION DISCUSSED THIS TYPE OF SYSTEM WITH US AS DETAILED IN  
12 OUR LETTER OF MARCH 19TH. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL  
13 WATER RESEARCH PROJECT STATES IN THEIR 2003/2004 RESEARCH PLAN  
14 THAT MOST OF THE STORM WATER TOXICITY REPORTED FOR SOUTHERN  
15 CALIFORNIA WATERSHEDS IS DUE TO DISSOLVED CONSTITUENTS THAT  
16 ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE REMOVED SUCH AS THE PARTICLE SEPARATION  
17 DEVICES SUCH AS THE CDS UNITS. THEY STRESS THAT MUNICIPALITIES  
18 AND OTHER AGENCIES SHOULD NOT COMMIT THEIR IMPLEMENTATION  
19 RESOURCES TOWARD SPECIFIC DEVICES OR APPROACHES UNTIL MORE  
20 STUDIES ARE COMPLETED. IN RESPONSE TO SAFE CHATSWORTH PROPOSAL  
21 TO DIRECT ONLY THE WATER RUNOFF THROUGH THE CDS UNITS, MR.  
22 DEPOTO FELT THAT THIS IDEA MIGHT HAVE VALIDITY. DENNIS HUNTER  
23 HAS TOLD US SUBSEQUENTLY THAT A PLAN OF THIS NATURE WOULD  
24 INVOLVE DESIGNING TWO STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS BECAUSE CURRENT  
25 GRADING PLANS WILL DISRUPT THE NATURAL PATHS OF WATER RUNOFF.



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1 WE QUESTION IF THIS IS NECESSARY AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
2 RECONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARTY, AND THEN I'M GOING TO  
5 CALL UP CHUCK JELLOIAN, WARREN STONE, AND MARK WATTERS.

6

7 **MARTY WOLL:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THIS  
8 OPPORTUNITY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY STAFF AND THE  
9 DEVELOPER FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THIS  
10 PROCESS. MY NAME IS MARTY WOLL AND I'M THE ELECTED PRESIDENT  
11 OF THE BOARD OF THE CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. THE  
12 PROJECT BEFORE YOU HAS TWO WAYS IN AND OUT FOR VEHICULAR  
13 TRAFFIC. ONE IS TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, A STATE HIGHWAY. THE  
14 OTHER IS CANOGA AVENUE, A RESIDENTIAL STREET. BOTH MEANS OF  
15 ACCESS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PLACING BRIDGES OVER DEVIL  
16 CANYON. OVER TWO YEARS AGO, WE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
17 TRAFFIC IMPACTS. TOPANGA HAS A SERIES OF "F" RATED, THAT IS,  
18 FAILING, INTERSECTIONS TO THE SOUTH OF THIS PROJECT STUDY  
19 AREA. MITIGATING MEASURES AT THE TOP OF TOPANGA WON'T CURE THE  
20 BACKUP THAT PROJECT RESIDENTS WILL FACE AS THEY ENTER OR LEAVE  
21 THE PROJECT BY THIS ROUTE. THIS BACKUP MAKES CANOGA THE  
22 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DURING PEAK HOURS AND THE PROJECT'S  
23 PROPOSED STREET LAYOUT CERTAINLY ENCOURAGES THE USE OF CANOGA  
24 AVENUE. THE PROBLEM IS THAT CANOGA IS A QUIET, RESIDENTIAL  
25 STREET USED BY HIKERS, RIDERS, BICYCLISTS, JOGGERS, AND



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1 CHILDREN TO ACCESS THE CANYONS AND HILLS. CANOGA IS ALSO THE  
2 ACCESS ROAD FOR TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THE FINISHED PROJECT  
3 WILL ADD THOUSANDS OF CARS A DAY TO CANOGA. PRIOR TO  
4 COMPLETION, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY  
5 TRUCKS WILL ALL USE CANOGA TO GET TO THE BUILDING SITE UNTIL  
6 THE MORE EXPENSIVE OF THE TWO BRIDGES IS COMPLETED. THERE'S NO  
7 TIME LIMIT, IN MONTHS OR YEARS, ON THAT COMPLETION. STOP SIGNS  
8 AND FLAGMEN DURING CONSTRUCTION WILL HELP, BUT THE LONG-TERM  
9 RISK REMAINS. THE BEST CONSTRUCTION PERIOD MITIGATION WOULD BE  
10 TO FINISH THE LARGER BRIDGE WITHIN A FIXED REASONABLE TIME AND  
11 BEFORE ANY OTHER BUILDING TAKES PLACE. ABSENT A CREATIVE  
12 SOLUTION TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF POST-CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ON  
13 CANOGA, THE ONLY FEASIBLE REMAINING ANSWER IS TO REDUCE THE  
14 PROJECT DENSITY AND, PROPORTIONATELY, THE ABSOLUTE NUMBER OF  
15 VEHICLE TRIPS. THIS IS WHAT THE CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD  
16 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN JANUARY AND THIS IS  
17 WHAT I ASK OF YOU TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **CHUCK JELLOIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M CHUCK JELLOIAN. BY WAY  
23 OF BACKGROUND, I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF  
24 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS FOR NINE YEARS AND I SERVED AS  
25 ITS PRESIDENT FOR FOUR YEARS. I AM CERTAINLY NOT ANTI-



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1 DEVELOPMENT. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN THIS DEVELOPMENT  
2 BUT IT NEEDS TO BE REASONABLE. THERE ARE VERY SERIOUS  
3 TRANSPORTATION ISSUES WITH THIS DEER LAKE PROJECT AS IT  
4 CURRENTLY STANDS AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOME COMMENTS TO WHAT  
5 MARTY WOLL JUST PRESENTED. I THINK MARTY HIT IT RIGHT ON THE  
6 NOSE. IN ADDITION TO THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF HEAVY VEHICULAR  
7 TRAFFIC WITH PEDESTRIAN, EQUESTRIAN, AND OTHER USES, AND OUR  
8 TWO SCHOOLS THAT HAVE KIDS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH MIDDLE  
9 SCHOOL, THERE'S ABOUT A THOUSAND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, CANOGA  
10 AVENUE HAS SOME VERY LARGE ISSUES. WE HAVE A BIG DOWN SLOPE AS  
11 IT COMES DOWN INTO OUR COMMUNITY. THIS NATURAL LAUNCHING RAMP  
12 RAISES THE DANGER OF THE SITUATION CONSIDERABLY. THERE'S  
13 ABSOLUTELY NO WAY TO STOP-- STOP SIGNS AND WARNING SIGNS WILL  
14 BE VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPLY WITH. CURRENTLY, THE WEST VALLEY  
15 HAS A MEAGER ALLOTMENT OF POLICE PATROLS AND THAT PRACTICALLY  
16 ASSURES THAT ENFORCEMENT WILL BE ALMOST NONEXISTENT. AS A  
17 COMMISSIONER, I HAVE SEEN ALMOST EVERY CORNER OF OUR CITY AND  
18 EVERY CONCEIVABLE TRAFFIC SITUATION BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN A  
19 CONFLUENCE OF FACTORS SUCH AS THIS. WE HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, WE  
20 HAVE HORSES, WE HAVE WHAT COULD BE A VERY BIG SPEEDWAY COMING  
21 DOWN INTO OUR COMMUNITY. THIS PROJECT BRINGS SOME VERY SERIOUS  
22 CONCERNS AND THE PROBABILITY FOR DISASTER. THE REASON I MOVED  
23 MY FAMILY WITH THREE SMALL KIDS FROM PORTER RANCH TO  
24 CHATSWORTH WAS ABSOLUTELY A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE. THE  
25 DEVELOPER WILL TELL YOU THAT ALL OF L.A. DOT'S REQUIREMENTS



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1 HAVE BEEN MET. HALL BERNSON, IN THE YEAR 2002, MENTIONED IN A  
2 LETTER, SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW TRAFFIC AND  
3 HOW IT WILL BE MITIGATED. I'LL FINISH IN JUST A SECOND. IF A  
4 WAY CAN'T BE FOUND AROUND CANOGA, THEN WE MUST REVISIT THE  
5 PROJECT DENSITY. EVERY DOZEN HOME REDUCTION SAVES OVER A  
6 HUNDRED TRIPS A DAY AND I SUPPORT THE CALL OF SAVE CHATSWORTH  
7 AND THE CHATSWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO USE DENSITY  
8 REDUCTION AS PART OF THIS SOLUTION ON THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WARREN?

11

12 **WARREN STONE:** MY NAME IS WARREN STONE. I'M A VICE PRESIDENT OF  
13 TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF  
14 CHATSWORTH, INC. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE SEWER SYSTEM  
15 THAT'S BEING OFFERED AT TWIN LAKES BY DEER LAKE RANCH,  
16 ADDITIONAL CONDITION NUMBER 64, AND THE ISSUE OF MONITORING  
17 CONDITIONS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION. THE COST HAS BEEN  
18 ESTIMATED AT \$2 MILLION. A FORMAL ESTIMATE HAS NOT BEEN DONE.  
19 AT THIS POINT, THEY AGREED TO EVERYTHING. THEY'VE COME BACK  
20 AND SAID EVERYTHING, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT, SO  
21 THAT'S NO LONGER AN ISSUE. AND THE TIME EASEMENT. THEY'VE  
22 ELIMINATED THAT, SO I REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT IN  
23 THAT RESPECT. THE ONLY THING I DO HAVE IS CONCERNING THE  
24 ENFORCEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONDITIONS. OUR CONCERN IS THAT, OVER  
25 THE LAST TWO YEARS, SOME PROBLEMS HAVE OCCURRED ON DEER LAKE



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1 RANCH PROPERTIES WITHIN TWIN LAKES COMMUNITY THAT HAVE, AFTER  
2 REPEATED REQUESTS, HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE DEVELOPER.  
3 ROADS DAMAGED BY HEAVY EQUIPMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REPAIRED.  
4 LARGER ITEMS OF TRASH, SUCH AS A TELEVISION SET AND A WATER  
5 HEATER, HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP. SANDBAGS-- AND SANDBAGS  
6 REQUESTED TO KEEP THE WATER AND MUD RUNOFF FROM THE FIRE BREAK  
7 ON DEER LAKE RANCH PROPERTY OFF MAYAN DRIVE WERE NOT DELIVERED  
8 AND NOW A COATING OF DRIED MUD IS ON MAYAN DRIVE BY THE  
9 MAILBOXES. ALSO REQUESTS THAT A SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL OF ALL DEAD  
10 BRUSH FROM THE FIRE BREAK TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS INTO THE FIRE  
11 SEASON TO COMPLETE. IF THE WILDFIRE BACK IN OCTOBER HAD COME A  
12 FEW MONTHS SOONER, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD SO MANY HOMES LEFT IN  
13 TWIN LAKES. BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF THESE PROBLEMS EITHER  
14 REMAINING UNADDRESSED OR HAVE TAKEN VERY LONG TO RESOLVE  
15 DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS' FIELD OFFICE  
16 AND THE COMMUNITY, WE ARE CONCERNED ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN  
17 CONSTRUCTION ISSUES ARRIVE. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE COUNTY STAFF  
18 WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IN MONITORING THIS PROJECT AS IT  
19 WILL ULTIMATELY BE DIFFERENT BUILDERS INVOLVED. WE WANT TO  
20 ENSURE THAT ANY REASONABLE COMMUNITY REQUEST MADE BY THE  
21 DEVELOPER WILL BE HANDLED IN A TIMELY MANNER. I WOULD LIKE TO  
22 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REGIONAL PLANNING  
23 COMMISSION AND ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE WORK DONE ON THIS  
24 PROJECT. IT'S BEEN PHENOMENAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

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3    **MARK WATTERS:** BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO PASS OUT SOME MAPS  
4    THAT I'LL BE REFERRING TO. I WAS TOLD I SHOULD...

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND YOUR NAME IS?

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8    **MARK WATTERS:** MARK WATTERS.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS LINDA STONE...

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12   **MARK WATTERS:** LINDA STONE IS GRACIOUSLY GIVING ME HER TIME.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO YOU...

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16   **MARK WATTERS:** MY NAME IS MARK WATTERS. I'M A 13-YEAR RESIDENT  
17   OF TWIN LAKES AND SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS  
18   ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS ITS FOUNDING MEMBER OF SAVE CHATSWORTH.  
19   IN THE THREE YEARS THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN MONITORING THIS  
20   PROJECT, WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT DENSITY WAS OUR  
21   PRIMARY CONCERN DUE TO THE FACT THAT DENSITY AFFECTS  
22   EVERYTHING: TRAFFIC, LENGTH OF CONSTRUCTION, IMPACT ON THE  
23   ENVIRONMENT BOTH FOR WILDLIFE AND FOR HUMANS. REGRETTABLY,  
24   DENSITY ALSO HAS THE MOST IMPACT ON REVENUE, SO IT IS NOT  
25   SURPRISING THAT SO MUCH OF THE TIME HAS BEEN SPENT TRYING TO



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1 ACHIEVE THAT PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD  
2 SAY IS A RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT THE DEVELOPER SAY IS  
3 A FAIR PROFIT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO ARRIVE AT THIS  
4 NUMBER, HOWEVER, BY COMPARING LOT SIZES TO THE ADJACENT  
5 NEIGHBORHOODS, SOUTH TO CHATSWORTH STREET, EAST TO DESOTO AND  
6 WEST TO TOPANGA CANYON, WE FIND THAT THE AVERAGE LOT SIZE IS  
7 17,100 FEET. THE AVERAGE LOT SIZE IN DEER LAKE RANCH IS  
8 CURRENTLY AROUND 12,500 SQUARE FEET. EVEN IF YOU DOUBLE THE  
9 SIZE OF THE COMPARATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD BY EXTENDING THE SOUTHERN  
10 BORDER TO DEVONSHIRE, THE AVERAGE LOT SIZE IS WELL OVER 16,000  
11 SQUARE FEET. USING THAT NUMBER, DEER LAKE RANCH SHOULD BE 283  
12 LOTS INSTEAD OF THE PROPOSED 388. IF THE DEVELOPER HAD  
13 LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC REQUEST MADE IN 2002 BY SUPERVISOR  
14 ANTONOVICH TO HAVE A MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF 15,000 SQUARE FEET,  
15 THE NUMBER OF LOTS WOULD BE 323. YET ANOTHER PATH FOR A  
16 LOGICAL REDUCTION IS TO REFER TO THE E.I.R., WHERE IT  
17 DESCRIBES AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF 171 HOMES. WE UNDERSTAND THE  
18 ECONOMIC HURDLES THAT MAKE THIS PLAN IMPOSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE  
19 TAKE JUST A PORTION OF THAT SECTION AS REFERRED TO AS  
20 NEIGHBORHOOD THREE AND WE SEE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES A  
21 REASONABLE COMPROMISE. NEIGHBORHOOD THREE WILL REQUIRE MASSIVE  
22 GRADING IN ORDER TO BUILD THE PROPOSED 110 LOTS AND I ASK YOU  
23 TO REFER TO THE MAPS I HAVE PRESENTED TO EACH OF YOU OR SIMPLY  
24 LOOK AT THIS ENLARGEMENT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
25 EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PROTECT THE RIDGE LINES. IT IS OUR



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1 BELIEF THAT A 40 TO 45-HOME REDUCTION ALONG THE WESTERN,  
2 SOUTHERN, AND EASTERN RIDGE LINES WILL DO TWO THINGS. ONE, IT  
3 WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HORSE LOTS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO  
4 HORSE-KEEPING-- TO THE HORSE TRAILS, SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS  
5 A WISE MOVE ON EVERYONE'S PART. THE EAST-- THE WESTERN,  
6 SOUTHERN, AND WESTERN RIDGES ARE VIEWED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS AS  
7 FAR SOUTH AS THE 118 FREEWAY TO THE COMMUNITY OF TWIN LAKES,  
8 TO THE PROPERTY OF PORTER RANCH. WE THINK THAT, BY REDUCING,  
9 STRATEGICALLY, THE NUMBER OF LOTS ON THESE RIDGE LINES HERE  
10 WOULD DRASTICALLY IMPROVE THIS DEVELOPMENT. NOW, IN CLOSING, I  
11 JUST SIMPLY WANT TO REVIEW, WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR? WE'RE  
12 ASKING FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STREETS TO BE MAINTAINED WITH  
13 ADEQUATE TRAFFIC MODIFICATIONS. CURRENT HOMEOWNERS HAVE THE  
14 RIGHT TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY THAT EXISTED WHEN THEY BOUGHT  
15 THEIR HOMES BE MAINTAINED. WE ARE ASKING THAT AN EQUESTRIAN  
16 CULTURE THAT HAS EXISTED IN CHATSWORTH FOR OVER A HUNDRED  
17 YEARS NOT ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE BUT, IN FACT, BE  
18 ENCOURAGED TO GROW. WE ARE ASKING THAT A LIVING CREEK, KNOWN  
19 AS DEVIL'S CANYON THAT IS USED BY HIKERS, EQUESTRIAN, NOT TO  
20 MENTION THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS, BE PROTECTED FROM THE POLLUTANTS  
21 THAT THE PROPOSED STORM DRAIN SYSTEM WILL NOT EVEN BEGIN TO  
22 ADDRESS. IT IS A BELIEF THAT THE PROFITS OF AN INDIVIDUAL  
23 DEVELOPER SHOULD NOT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE ISSUES THAT WILL  
24 AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FOR DECADES  
25 TO COME. I WANT TO CLOSE BY THANKING YOU, MIKE, FOR



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1 INSTRUCTING YOUR STAFF, NAMELY PATTY FRIEDMAN AND PAUL NOVAK,  
2 FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN BALANCE AND TO ALLOW  
3 OUR CONCERNS TO BE HEARD. I THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING MY  
4 TESTIMONY TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I CALL UP CHRISTIE MCCORMICK,  
7 LINDA CORBRIDGE, EDWARD PETERS, AND CHARLES LEE.

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9 **CHRISTIE MCCORMICK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. MY  
10 NAME IS CHRISTIE MCCORMICK AND I AM ATTENDING THE HEARING  
11 TODAY ON BEHALF OF MY NEIGHBORS, MY FRIENDS, AS WELL AS MY  
12 HUSBAND, STEVE MCCORMICK. STEVE AND JACK MCCORMICK, MY FATHER-  
13 IN-LAW, GIVE YOU THEIR BEST REGARDS TODAY, MIKE. AS YOU KNOW,  
14 MY HUSBAND'S FAMILY HAS BEEN IN DEVELOPMENT FOR OVER 85 YEARS.  
15 FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS, COMING THIS JULY, OUR FAMILY HAS RESIDED  
16 ON CELTIC STREET ADJOINING CANOGA AVENUE. WHEN WE RELOCATED  
17 FROM IRVINE, I WAS GLAD TO SEE A MASTER PLAN FOR CHATSWORTH. I  
18 WAS PLEASED WITH WHAT I SAW, LARGE LOTS, LOW DENSITY, FAVORED  
19 EQUESTRIAN AND RURAL ATMOSPHERE. TODAY, 20 YEARS LATER, WE  
20 HAVE A DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL CHANGE ALL THAT. WE WOULD LIKE TO  
21 SEE THE DEER LAKE PROJECT REDUCED FURTHER IN DENSITY BY  
22 REQUIRING MINIMUM LOTS OF 15,000 SQUARE FEET AND LARGER. I  
23 DON'T WANT TO REPEAT EVERYTHING THEY'VE SAID, BUT I AM IN  
24 AGREEMENT WITH MARK WATTERS AND MARTY WOLL'S TESTIMONIES TODAY  
25 AND SAFETY FOR MY CHILDREN, I HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS, YOUNG



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1 DAUGHTERS, SAFETY FOR MY NEIGHBORS, MR. JELLOIAN IS A NEIGHBOR  
2 ACROSS THE STREET, IS OF UTMOST CONCERN FOR US AS WELL AS FOR  
3 THE HORSES THAT WE ENJOY LOOKING AT EVERY DAY. ALL THE  
4 WONDERFUL WILDLIFE THAT WE SEE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS JUST SO  
5 FUN FOR MY CHILDREN. AND I LOST A GIRLFRIEND, WHEN HE WAS A  
6 YOUNG GIRL, WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A HORSE ACCIDENT AND THAT HAS  
7 ALWAYS REMAINED WITH ME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS THE  
8 CONCERNS OF LACK OF ACCESS TO THE PROJECT IN RESPECT TO THE  
9 FIRE DANGER. WE JUST DEALT WITH A HORRIFIC FIRE THIS LAST  
10 FALL. OUR TWIN LAKE NEIGHBORS HAD TO EVACUATE THEIR ANIMALS  
11 AND FAMILIES. WE HAD A HUGE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ON OUR STREET AS  
12 WELL AS CANOGA AND VARIAL AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAME TO HELP  
13 GET THEM OUT. HAVING ONE ACCESS ON CANOGA FOR PEOPLE EXITING  
14 AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES TRYING TO GET UP TO THE PROPERTY OF  
15 DEER LAKE IS VERY DANGEROUS. WE NEED BOTH TOPANGA AND CANOGA  
16 ACCESSES OPEN FOR EMERGENCIES, AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY  
17 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AS WELL. I DON'T FEEL THAT CANOGA  
18 SHOULD HAVE THE BURDEN OF ALL OF THAT BECAUSE IT'S QUITE HUGE.  
19 IF ANY SUPERVISORS ARE CONCERNED IF THERE IS A MARKET FOR  
20 LARGER HOMES AND LOTS, THEY SHOULDN'T BE. STEVEN AND I  
21 PURCHASED A LOT 14 MONTHS AGO AND ARE BUILDING A NEW HOME ON  
22 POEMA PLACE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T FIND ANY LARGER HOMES ON THE  
23 MARKET. TOLL BROTHERS PURCHASED LAND IN INDIAN FALLS AND  
24 PLACED THE LOTS ON THE MARKET LAST SUMMER AND SOLD OUT IN JUST  
25 THE FIRST WEEKEND.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU JUST WRAP IT UP?

3

4 **CHRISTINE MCCORMICK:** OKAY. THANK YOU. PLEASE GIVE MY FELLOW  
5 CO-WORKERS WHO HAVE WORKED SO DILIGENTLY ON THIS PROJECT THE  
6 LAST TWO YEARS YOUR UTMOST CONSIDERATION. I'M VERY PROUD OF  
7 THE HARD WORK THAT EVERYBODY HAS PUT INTO THIS PROJECT. THANK  
8 YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LINDA? THEN I'LL ASK AUBREY  
11 PROVOST TO COME UP AND JOIN US. GO AHEAD.

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13 **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** DID YOU WANT TO GO FIRST? I'M GOING TO TAKE  
14 THE REST OF HIS TIME.

15

16 **ED PETERS:** IS IT ALL RIGHT IF ED PETERS GO FIRST? I'M GOING TO  
17 BE SHORT AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE REST OF MY TIME TO LINDA  
18 CORBRIDGE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **ED PETERS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
23 ED PETERS AND I HAVE REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NORTH OF THE DEER  
24 LAKE PROJECT IN APPROXIMATELY 120 ACRES, BEING SIX SEPARATE  
25 PARCELS OF LAND. AND THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE OF



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1 THE ACCESS ROUTES THAT LEAD TO THE NORTH HAVE BEEN BLOCKED  
2 EITHER BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND/OR  
3 PRESIDIO. AND THE PURPOSE FOR ME BEING HERE IS BECAUSE I NO  
4 LONGER HAVE ACCESS THROUGH THOSE PROPERTIES TO GET TO MY  
5 PROPERTIES. A LOT OF THESE ROADS ARE NAMED. THEY'RE IN THE  
6 THOMAS GUIDE AND THEY REACH AT LEAST MISS CORBRIDGE'S PROPERTY  
7 AND THEN THE ROADS CONTINUE NORTHERLY AND GO THROUGH THE  
8 PROPERTIES THAT I HAVE AN INTEREST IN. I PLAN TO JOIN IN  
9 LITIGATION, UNLESS THERE'S SOME RESOLVEMENT AS TO THE ACCESS  
10 ISSUES NAMING THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BLOCKING THE ACCESS  
11 ROUTES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** STOP! STOP THE CLOCK!

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? OKAY. EXPLAIN TO ME AGAIN, NOW.  
18 ARE YOU GOING TO GET A MINUTE OF HIS TIME? ARE YOU GIVING UP  
19 YOUR TIME TO HER AS WELL? YES?

20

21 **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WAIT. I GET ABOUT EIGHT  
22 SECONDS. THIS IS MY LAND RIGHT HERE AND THIS IS PRESIDIO RIGHT  
23 HERE. AS YOU CAN SEE, THESE ROADS, THIS IS AN AERIAL THAT MY  
24 CERTIFIED SURVEYOR, HE'S AN ENGINEER, TOOK AND HE GAVE IT TO  
25 ME RIGHT OFF HIS COMPUTER AND HE'S SHOWING ME ALL THE ROADS



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1 THAT GO RIGHT TO MY PROPERTY. THIS HAPPENS TO BE NAMED IN THE  
2 THOMAS GUIDE. SAUGUS ROAD. SO I WANT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY  
3 NAME IS LINDA CORBRIDGE AND I OWN THIS 40 ACRES RIGHT HERE,  
4 RIGHT NORTH OF THE DEER LAKE PROJECT. YESTERDAY, I FILED A  
5 LAWSUIT AGAINST PRESIDIO, A.K.A. DEER LAKE AND THE SANTA  
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY IN ORDER TO PROTECT MY EASEMENT  
7 RIGHTS. I HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF FROM MY ACCESS OF MY PROPERTY.  
8 SANTA MONICA AND PRESIDIO ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT AS THE  
9 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY RETAINED A 10-FOOT STRIP  
10 BETWEEN MY PROPERTY AND DEER LAKE DEVELOPMENT AND NOW I'M  
11 FINDING THAT I CAN'T EVEN GET TO MY PROPERTY BECAUSE THEY HAVE  
12 PUT BOULDERS, GATES, AND POSTS, AND I CAN'T DRIVE TO SEE MY  
13 PROPERTY ANY MORE WHERE I HAD ANTICIPATED BUILDING A HOUSE.  
14 AND I'VE ASKED THEM FOR A KEY TO THE GATE AND THEY REFUSE TO  
15 GIVE ME A KEY TO THE GATE. I HAVE MADE A COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR  
16 MR. ANTONOVICH, WHICH YOU ARE MY REPRESENTATIVE, I'VE MADE A  
17 COMPLETE PACKAGE OF MY LAWSUIT AND ALL THE EXHIBITS, AND YOU  
18 WILL SEE, AS A MATTER OF RECORD FOR THIS PROCEEDING. ENCLOSED,  
19 YOU WILL FIND A COPY OF MY LAWSUIT, A COPY OF THE DEER LAKE  
20 MAP SHOWING-- THE DEER LAKE DEVELOPMENT MAP SHOWING THE OLD  
21 ROADS TO MY PROPERTY UNDER-- UNDER THE NEWLY DESIGNED LOTS.  
22 THESE SAME ROADS ARE NAMED IN THE THOMAS GUIDE. I ALSO PUT IN  
23 A CURRENT AERIAL MAP, SUCH AS THIS ONE, SHOWING FOUR EASEMENT  
24 WAYS TO MY PROPERTY AND A FLYOVER TOPOGRAPHY MAP THAT MY  
25 SURVEYOR JUST DID. HE'S WONDERFUL AND HE'S CERTIFIED. AND THE



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1 ROADS ARE VERY CLEAR. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE GONE TO  
2 SEVERAL ATTORNEYS AND SEVERAL ENGINEERS. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO  
3 ENLIGHTENED ME TO THIS BECAUSE, WHEN I CALLED YOUR OFFICE,  
4 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, I SPOKE WITH PATTY, AND PATTY TOLD ME,  
5 "YOU HAVE NO EASEMENT RIGHTS". BUT THEN I FINALLY WENT TO AN  
6 ATTORNEY AND ENGINEERS AND THEY SAID, "WAIT A MINUTE, LOOK AT  
7 THIS," AND THEY FOUND IT VERY SUSPECT THAT TEN FEET BETWEEN MY  
8 PROPERTY AND DEER LAKE, THEY SAID, "WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE  
9 10 FEET?" THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, NOR DO I. HERE'S A LETTER  
10 FROM PRESIDIO I HAVE RIGHT HERE. IT'S DATED-- JUST A SECOND--  
11 LET'S SEE-- IT'S DATED 6-13-2002 AND IT'S TO THE REGIONAL  
12 PLANNING COMMISSION OF LOS ANGELES. THE LAST PAGE AND THE LAST  
13 PARAGRAPH ADDRESSES MY PROPERTY AND IT SAYS THAT THEY, BECAUSE  
14 OF THEIR CONTRACT WITH SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY,  
15 THEY CAN'T GRANT ME ACCESS ANY LONGER OR THEY CAN'T LET ME ON  
16 THE ROADS THAT I USUALLY TOOK TO GET TO THE PROPERTY, BUT THE  
17 COMMISSION, THIS COMMISSION, CAN, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE  
18 SUGGESTING. THEY'RE SUGGESTING THAT THE COUNTY DEDICATE ACCESS  
19 TO MY PROPERTY. I ONLY WANT TO BUILD A HOUSE ON MY PROPERTY.  
20 LET'S SEE. I HAVE BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION AT PRIOR HEARINGS. PLEASE REVIEW THIS PACKAGE THAT  
22 I GAVE YOU WITH A CIVIL ENGINEER. THEY'LL SHOW YOU, BECAUSE IT  
23 TAKES THAT-- WHEN I LOOKED AT IT, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS  
24 LOOKING AT BUT, WHEN THE CIVIL ENGINEERS LOOKED AT IT, THEY  
25 SHOWED ME, "HEY, HERE'S YOUR ROAD RIGHT HERE." OKAY. MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE MY POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE. IT WILL BE  
2 INTENTIONALLY NEGLIGENT ON YOUR PART AND THE SUPERVISORS  
3 BOARD'S PART TO APPROVE THIS SUBDIVISION AFTER RECEIVING THE  
4 PACKAGE THAT I JUST GAVE YOU. IT WOULD BE PRUDENT ON THE  
5 BOARD'S PART TO WAIT AND DELAY YOUR DECISION OR PUT MY-- PUT  
6 THE DECISION OUTSIDE OF MY PROPERTY UNTIL THE LOS ANGELES  
7 SUPERIOR COURT REVIEWS MY ACCESS ISSUE. IF YOU GIVE DEER LAKE  
8 THEIR FINAL APPROVAL TODAY, YOU'LL BE FORCING ME, LIKE THEY  
9 HAVE FORCED ME, TO GO TO ANOTHER LITIGATION STEP. I DON'T LIKE  
10 LITIGATION AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT. I TRIED TO WORK IT OUT.  
11 I AM ASKING THE COURT TO GRANT AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE  
12 PRESIDIO PROJECT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO THAT  
17 ONE. HE HAS THE PACKET. I DON'T HAVE IT.

18

19 **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** HE HAS MY PACKAGE?

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS:** WE'RE MAKING A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT FOR THE  
22 BOARD. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
23 REGIONAL PLANNING DID A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS  
24 OF ACCESS RIGHTS BY PROPERTIES TO THE NORTH AND, IN FACT, A  
25 REVISED STAFF REPORT AND ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 DOCUMENTATION WAS DONE TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. THE  
2 COMMISSION ENDED UP INCLUDING A CONDITION THAT REQUIRES A  
3 POTENTIAL TAP STREET TO THE NORTH SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE  
4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS FOR THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT CAN  
5 ESTABLISH, THROUGH A COURT OF LAW BECAUSE YOUR BOARD CANNOT DO  
6 IT, A PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS. THE LAWSUIT THAT I SAW WAS AN  
7 ACTION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENTS. IT IS CERTAINLY THE  
8 PROPERTY OWNER'S RIGHT TO DO THAT. YOUR BOARD WOULD NOT BE  
9 CUTTING OFF ACCESS, IT WOULD NOT BE NEGLIGENT, IN OUR OPINION,  
10 FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT. THE  
11 COMMISSION MADE SPECIFIC CONTINGENCIES TO ALLOW FOR PEOPLE  
12 WITH NEEDS TO HAVE ACCESS AND WHO CAN ESTABLISH LEGAL RIGHTS  
13 TO ESTABLISH THEIR RIGHTS TO USE ROADS THROUGH THE PROJECT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE SAYING THE ACTION, ACTION AS TAKEN  
16 TODAY, THE ACTION WOULD NOT INCLUDE REMOVING ANY ACCESS RIGHTS  
17 TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE-- IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I'LL DEFER TO  
20 MS. FITZGERALD, THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS DONE TO SEE IF THERE  
21 ARE ANY LEGAL RIGHTS THAT EXIST AS OF TITLE AND NONE COULD BE  
22 FOUND BUT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CLAIMING A  
23 RIGHT TO GO INTO COURT TO ESTABLISH IT THROUGH A PRESCRIPTIVE  
24 EASEMENT, THE COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED A POTENTIAL TAP  
25 STREET TO PROVIDE ACCESS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DID THE COMMISSION-- HOW DID THE  
3 COMMISSION DO THAT?

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5 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE COMMISSION WAS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE  
6 PROPERTY OWNERS' REQUEST FOR ACCESS AND DID PROVIDE A TAP  
7 STREET WHICH CONNECTS TO THE EDGE OF THE PRESIDIO PROPERTY. IT  
8 DOES NOT GO BEYOND THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. THE ROADS THAT THE  
9 NORTHERLY PROPERTY OWNERS REFERRED TO WERE ACTUALLY PRIVATE  
10 ACCESS AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEER LAKE/HIGHLANDS  
11 RECORD OF SURVEY. THEY WERE NOT DEDICATED PUBLIC STREETS AND  
12 WHAT THE COMMISSION HAD INITIALLY ASKED THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO  
13 DO WAS DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAD THE RIGHTS TO USE THOSE  
14 ACCESS EASEMENTS. IN THE ABSENCE OF THAT AND WITH THE  
15 CONTINUING TESTIMONY THAT THEY NEEDED SOME KIND OF ACCESS, A  
16 TAP STREET WAS PROVIDED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DID THEY PROVE THAT? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO  
19 PROVE? SHOW TO PROVE THAT?

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21 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** SOME SORT OF COURT ACTION OF PRESCRIPTIVE  
22 EASEMENT AGREEMENT. IT HAS TO BE A COURT ACTION, FROM WHAT I  
23 UNDERSTAND.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY HERE? IT REQUIRES  
2   A COURT ACTION?

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4   **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** CORRECT.

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6   **RICHARD WEISS:** YOUR BOARD CANNOT SIT AS A DETERMINER OF  
7   WHETHER OR NOT A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER HAS ACCESS RIGHTS.  
8   WHAT THE COMMISSION TYPICALLY DOES IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS IS  
9   TO DO AN INVESTIGATION TO SEE WHETHER LEGAL RIGHTS OF RECORD  
10   APPEAR FOR ACCESS RIGHTS. IT IS THE COMMISSION'S POLICY NOT TO  
11   CREATE LANDLOCKED PARCELS THROUGH APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISIONS OF  
12   OTHER PARCELS. SO THE COMMISSION IS-- ALWAYS INVESTIGATES THAT  
13   ISSUE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY DOCUMENTED LEGAL RIGHTS THAT  
14   SHOWED UP AS OF RECORD, THE COMMISSION NONETHELESS PLACED A  
15   CONDITION THAT REQUIRES A POTENTIAL ACCESS STREET TO BE THERE  
16   SO THAT PEOPLE COULD PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS OF LEGAL TITLE  
17   THROUGH A COURT PROCEEDING.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ACTIONS, IF WE TAKE ACTION TODAY,  
20   WOULD INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO FEEL  
21   THEY MAY BE LAND- LOCKED, THAT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE  
22   THAT THEY ARE NOT? THAT THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS?

23

24   **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE SUBDIVISION CONDITIONS  
25   SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE THAT THE TENTATIVE MAP SHOW, I THINK IT'S



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1 X STREET AND, UNTIL THE FINAL MAP IS RECORDED, PRIVATE  
2 PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CLAIM A RIGHT OF ACCESS THROUGH THE  
3 PROPERTY HAVE A RIGHT TO PURSUE THAT IN COURT.

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5 **ED PETERS:** ED PETERS. I'D JUST LIKE TO RESPOND TO QUICKLY TO  
6 COUNTY COUNSEL.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** QUICKLY.

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10 **ED PETERS:** WHAT I THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS NOT  
11 PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENTS BUT EASEMENT OF NECESSITY. THIS WAS ALL  
12 UNDER ONE OWNERSHIP WHICH WAS SUBDIVIDED EARLY ON, WHICH WE  
13 HAVE DOCUMENTATION FOR AND, UNDER THAT RULE, I BELIEVE THAT  
14 LEGAL ACCESS BECOMES A PART OF THE SUBDIVISION, AND THAT IS  
15 LEGAL ACCESS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. PARDON ME?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS:** PROPERTY OWNERS ARE FREE TO PURSUE A  
20 PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT OR EASEMENT OF NECESSITY ARGUMENT. THEY  
21 HAVE THE ABSOLUTE RIGHTS TO DO THAT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. MR. LEE, YOU HAVE A  
24 MINUTE, 30 SECONDS, AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK AUBREY PROVOST  
25 TO JOIN US, AS WELL AS JAN MILLER AND MARYANNE KING.



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2 **CHARLES LEE:** I JUST WANT TO ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON THE SAME  
3 ISSUE. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. CHARLES LEE, PROPERTY OWNER  
4 BEHIND THE MOTE THAT'S BEEN BUILT. MR. ANTONOVICH, 11 YEARS  
5 AGO, I DID A SUBDIVISION IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND  
6 THERE WAS A WOMAN WHO HAD A PROPERTY BEHIND ME MUCH LIKE THE  
7 SITUATION HERE. HER NAME WAS EDITH CALDER. YOU MAY WELL  
8 REMEMBER EDITH, RIGHT?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I REMEMBER EDITH, GOD BLESS HER SOUL.

11

12 **CHARLES LEE:** AND I WAS THE DEVELOPER AND YOU INSISTED,  
13 INSISTED THAT I GIVE HER AN EASEMENT TO HER PROPERTY, EVEN  
14 THOUGH IT WAS A 60-FOOT STRIP ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE HEART OF  
15 MY SUBDIVISION, WHICH WAS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT FOR US. BUT YOU  
16 SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE, THAT IT WAS COUNTY POLICY THAT NO  
17 PROPERTY OWNER IN THE BACK OF A SUBDIVISION WOULD BE BLOCKED.  
18 NOW I-- NOW THAT THE SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT, I'M THE PERSON  
19 BEHIND THE DEVELOPER AND I'D LIKE YOU TO DO FOR ME WHAT YOU  
20 DID FOR EDITH.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE NEVER GOT THE EASEMENT.

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24 **CHARLES LEE:** SHE GOT IT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. SHE DIED AND SHE GAVE THE PROPERTY TO...

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3    **CHARLES LEE:** NO, BUT SHE GOT...

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT  
6    SHE DIDN'T GET THE EASEMENT TO HER PROPERTY SO SHE WAS KIND OF  
7    LANDLOCKED.

8

9    **CHARLES LEE:** THE PROPERTY-- NO. I CAN BRING YOU THE TENTATIVE  
10    MAP. IT IS RIGHT ON THE TENTATIVE MAP, A 60-FOOT STRIP RIGHT  
11    THROUGH THE SUBDIVISION THAT I DID. SHE MAY HAVE NEVER USED  
12    THE EASEMENT BECAUSE SHE DIED, BUT SHE GOT THE EASEMENT AND  
13    THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME. YOU SAID IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE  
14    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOT TO DO THAT. AND WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
15    HERE IS YOU'VE STUBBED IN A STREET, IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S  
16    STUBBED IN, BUT THERE'S A 10-FOOT MOAT THAT'S GOING TO-- WHEN  
17    THIS IS SUBDIVISION GOES THROUGH, A 10-FOOT MOAT THAT'S OWNED  
18    BY SOMEBODY ELSE WHO YOU COULD SAY, YEAH, I CAN'T-- AND EACH  
19    OF YOU ARE POINTING AT EACH OTHER. IT'S LIKE A SHELL GAME.  
20    YOU'RE SAYING IT'S THE CONSERVANCY'S 10 FEET, WE CAN'T DO  
21    ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE CONSERVANCY SAYS WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING  
22    ABOUT IT BECAUSE THE COUNTY, IT'S UP TO THE COUNTY. SO WHAT'S  
23    GOING ON?!

24

25    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME'S UP.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPERTY THAT'S IN QUESTION, IS IT OWNED  
3 BY THE PROPERTY OWNER THAT HAS THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY OR  
4 IS IT OWNED BY A NON-REPRESENTED ENTITY?

5

6 **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING THE WITNESS TO SAY  
7 IS THAT A PORTION OF THE ACCESS THEY ARE CLAIMING EXISTS ON  
8 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, BUT IT MAY ALSO EXIST ON PROPERTY NOW  
9 OWNED BY THE SANTA MONICA AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. YOUR  
10 BOARD WOULD ONLY BE TAKING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
11 PROPERTY THAT IS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION. SHOULD THEY HAVE A  
12 CLAIM OF RIGHT FOR ACCESS ACROSS OTHER PROPERTY OWNED EITHER  
13 BY THE CONSERVANCY OR SOMEBODY ELSE, AGAIN, THEY ARE FREE TO  
14 PURSUE THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPERTY THAT WE ARE DEEDING TO THE SANTA  
17 MONICA CONSERVANCY IS NOT THE PROPERTY THAT'S BEING QUESTIONED  
18 TODAY?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** I DO NOT KNOW IF IT'S THE SAME PROPERTY.

21

22 **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** IT IS. IT IS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT IS, WE'RE BEING TOLD, SO...

25



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1   **LINDA CORBRIDGE:** IT INCLUDES THE STRIP.

2

3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THE PROPERTY IS-- I SEE "YES" AND I SEE  
4   "NO" SO...

5

6   **CHARLES LEE:** WELL, YOU CAN'T GET THE STRIP WITHOUT DOING THE  
7   SUBDIVISION.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT. [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MAYBE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
12   COULD ANSWER THAT.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRE DEPARTMENT?

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FIRE DEPARTMENT? PLANNING DEPARTMENT?  
17   SOMEONE COULD ANSWER THAT, MAYBE.

18

19   **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT IS THAT THE SANTA  
20   MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY RETAINED A 10-FOOT STRIP THAT  
21   SURROUNDS THE TRACT BOUNDARY WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR  
22   OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND WAS CONDUCTED. SO THAT 10-FOOT STRIP IS  
23   OUTSIDE THE ACTUAL TRACT BOUNDARIES. THE TRACT ENDS 10 FEET--  
24   AT THAT BOUNDARY AND THEN 10 FEET BEYOND THAT IS WHERE THEIR  
25   PROPERTY BEGINS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE QUESTION IS, THOUGH, IS THAT 10 FEET SUCH  
3 THAT IT BLOCKS THEIR ACCESS? THE ROAD THAT ENDS AT THE-- AND  
4 IT STUBS AT THE END OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS THE SANTA MONICA  
5 CONSERVANCY. IS THEIR PROPERTY NEXT TO THAT? SO THAT WHAT  
6 WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN IS SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY NEEDS TO ALSO  
7 INDICATE THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FIGHT THEM HAVING ACCESS.  
8 IS THAT WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

9

10 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS THROUGH THE  
13 COURT?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEEMS TO ME. ARE THEY GIVING IT TO THE SANTA  
16 MONICA CONSERVANCY?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GIVING, WHAT IS IT, 79 ACRES.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WOULD THINK THAT, WHEN YOU GIVE IT TO THE  
21 CONSERVANCY, IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THEM PROVIDING ACCESS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT!

24

25 **MS. FITZGERALD:** BUT THOSE 79 ACRES ARE DIFFERENT ACRES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** IF YOU GIVE IT TO THEM. DO THEY HAVE AN OBJECTION  
3 TO THAT?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK MR. EDMUNDSTON MAY HAVE LEFT.

6

7 **CHARLES LEE:** I THINK-- OR THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTED MAY BE  
8 ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ON THIS AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AUBREY PROVOST,  
11 JAN MILLER, MARYANNE KING, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE. MR.  
12 OLIVER, IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.

13

14 **PIKE OLIVER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ONCE AGAIN, FOR THE  
15 RECORD, MY NAME IS PIKE OLIVER WITH PRESIDIO CHATSWORTH  
16 PARTNERS. THE PROPERTY THAT WAS JUST BEING DISCUSSED THAT'S  
17 ADJACENT TO THE TAP STREET-- OH, I'M SORRY. THANK YOU. THE  
18 PROPERTY THAT WAS JUST BEING DISCUSSED, I BELIEVE, IS-- THE  
19 QUESTION WAS, THE PROPERTY AT WHICH THE TAP STREET THAT WAS  
20 REQUIRED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TERMINATES. THAT  
21 PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
22 CONSERVANCY. IT IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF ANY OF THE DEDICATIONS  
23 THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED TODAY. WE HAVE OTHER PROPERTY WHICH  
24 WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY



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1 BUT THIS PROPERTY IS ALREADY OWNED BY THAT ORGANIZATION. THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ACTION WE TAKE TODAY ON THIS 79 ACRES OF  
5 PROPERTY TO THE SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY IS NOT THIS PARCEL  
6 THAT IS IN QUESTION RELATIVE TO THE ACCESS ISSUE?

7

8 **PIKE OLIVER:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL JUST ASK THE ATTORNEYS THEN, CAN YOU  
11 CONDITION WHATEVER WE'RE GRANTING TODAY, SEPARATE THE 10-FOOT  
12 STRIP OR WHATEVER IT IS, THAT'S NOT PART OF WHAT WE'RE  
13 GRANTING TODAY, CAN YOU ACCESS-- I MEAN, CAN YOU-- PART OF  
14 THAT DEED REQUIRE ACCESS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO BUILD THEIR HOMES?

15

16 **RICHARD WEISS:** TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PROPERTY THAT WE'RE NOW  
17 TALKING ABOUT IS PROPERTY ALREADY OWNED BY THE CONSERVANCY,  
18 THE CONSERVANCY IS NOT TECHNICALLY BEFORE YOUR BOARD SO WE  
19 COULDN'T FORMALLY CONDITION THEIR PROVIDING AN ACCESS RIGHT.  
20 HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT, THE LAWSUIT I SAW, SEEKS TO HAVE  
21 RESOLUTION OF THIS TITLE ISSUE NOT ONLY AGAINST PRESIDIO, BUT  
22 ALSO THE CONSERVANCY. THEY CAN RAISE THAT ISSUE IN COURT.  
23 FURTHERMORE, THE CONSERVANCY MAY BE APPROACHED AND I DO NOT  
24 PERSONALLY KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH PROVIDING



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1 VOLUNTARY ACCESS BUT THAT WOULD ALSO BE A POTENTIAL RESOLUTION  
2 OF THAT ISSUE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. AUBREY AND THEN JAN AND  
5 THEN MARIANNE. WHO IS NOT HERE?

6

7 **AUBREY PROVOST:** I GUESS MARIANNE IS NOT HERE.

8

9 **MARIANNE KING:** I'M MARIANNE. I'M LAST.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **JAN MILLER:** MY NAME IS JAN MILLER AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE  
14 SANTA SUZANNA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION AND I'M HERE TO  
15 REPRESENT OUR MEMBERS. OUR GROUP HAS ABOUT 300 MEMBERS, MOST  
16 OF WHOM LIVE IN CHATSWORTH AREA, AND A VOTE OF OUR BOARD VOTED  
17 TO OPPOSE THIS, THE DEER LAKE HIGHLANDS PROJECT. I THINK THE  
18 KEY ISSUES ARE THE DENSITY ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP  
19 ALREADY. THERE'S WILDLIFE ISSUES. EVERYTHING TIES INTO THE  
20 DENSITY. THERE'S-- THE E.I.R. IS VERY LIGHT. THERE'S-- THERE  
21 WAS AN ISSUE OF-- THERE'S A ANIMAL CROSSING, AT THIS POINT,  
22 UNDER CANOGA AVENUE, WHICH IS UNIMPROVED. THE E.I.R. FOR THE  
23 PROJECT JUST BRUSHED OVER THAT ISSUE. I THINK THE NATURAL  
24 RESOURCES OF THE AREA ARE-- WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY  
25 THIS PROJECT, AS WELL AS THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. I KNOW



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1 THERE'S BEEN VERY GENEROUS MITIGATIONS PROPOSED, BUT IT'S OUR  
2 THINKING THAT THESE-- THEY DON'T BALANCE OUT WITH THE ADVERSE  
3 EFFECTS OF THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARIANNE?

6

7 **MARIANNE KING:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIANNE KING.  
8 I'M A RESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH, HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST EIGHT  
9 YEARS. I LOVE THIS AREA OF THE VALLEY. I WOULD FEEL REMISS IF  
10 I DID NOT PUBLICLY STATE MY OPPOSITION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.  
11 I'M SAD. I'M SAD THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT REASONABLE TO GO  
12 WITH THE ALTERNATIVE: NO DEVELOPMENT, BUT I'M GOING TO CALL IT  
13 LIKE I SEE IT. THIS IS A URBAN SPRAWL PROJECT AND I'M NOT  
14 FOOLED BY THE DENSITY GAME: ASK FOR MORE THAN YOU GET AND THEN  
15 REDUCE IT AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOU'RE REALLY MAKING  
16 CONCESSIONS HERE. I ALSO AM NOT FOOLED BY THE HOUSING CRISIS  
17 CLAIMS. THESE ARE HOMES THAT ARE GOING TO ABOVE-MODERATE  
18 INCOME FAMILIES. IF THERE IS DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE PLACE HERE, I  
19 STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE THREE, 171 UNITS, AND I THINK  
20 IT'S IMPORTANT, IT'S CRITICAL, IT'S GOING TO DETERMINE THE  
21 FUTURE GROWTH OF THIS AREA AND LET'S PUT A PREMIUM ON IT  
22 BECAUSE WE'RE DESTROYING NATURAL WILDLIFE HABITAT. IT'S AN  
23 EXCEPTIONALLY BEAUTIFUL AREA AND SPECIAL AND LET'S TRY TO BE  
24 SENSITIVE TO THAT. THANK YOU.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ONE MORE TIME, AUBREY PROVOST.  
2   AUBREY HAS LEFT. THEN MICHAEL AUGELLO, OR AUGELLO, I'M NOT  
3   SURE.

4  
5   **MICHAEL AUGELLO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MICHAEL AUGELLO AND I OWN  
6   PROPERTY NORTH OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND I JUST HAD A FEW LITTLE  
7   ADDITIONS. NUMBER ONE IS THAT IT SEEMED, WHAT I UNDERSTOOD  
8   FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT THIS 64-FOOT-WIDE ACCESS WAS SET  
9   ASIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO MUST GO TO A LAWSUIT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE  
10   TO USE IT. MY UNDERSTANDING PREVIOUSLY WAS THAT, IF IT'S SET  
11   ASIDE FOR US, THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT WITHOUT HAVING  
12   TO GO THROUGH A LAWSUIT FIRST. THAT JUST SEEMS A LITTLE BIT  
13   MORE FAIR WHEN THE COUNTY IS DEVELOPING SOMETHING AND OKAYING  
14   SOMETHING, THAT THEY SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY MAKE IT SO THAT THE  
15   PEOPLE IN THE BACK ARE NOT CUT OFF AND THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO  
16   GO THROUGH A COURT OF LAW TO GET PROOF THAT THEY ARE NOT CUT  
17   OFF. IT SHOULD BE MANIFEST IN AND OF ITSELF. ALSO, SAUGUS  
18   ROAD, ONE OF THE ROADS IN THE OLD MAP, WAS A DEDICATED STREET.  
19   IT IS TRUE MANY OF THE OTHER ROADS WERE EASEMENTS BUT SAUGUS  
20   ROAD, WHICH IS THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE  
21   POSITION OF THE 64-FOOT-WIDE TAP STREET, WAS A DEDICATED  
22   STREET. AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL I HAVE TO SAY OTHER THAN  
23   THAT, IF I HAD A CHOICE AND IF IT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE, THAT 64-  
24   FOOT-WIDE TAP STREET NOW ACTUALLY ACCESSES INTO MORE PARKLAND,  
25   WHICH USED TO BE PRIVATE PROPERTY BUT WAS RECENTLY PURCHASED.



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1 SO, IF IT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE TO MOVE IT TOWARDS THE WEST,  
2 ANYWHERE FROM 200 TO 1,400 FEET, IT WOULD BE A MUCH MORE  
3 LOGICAL PLACE TO PUT IT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT IS THE END OF  
6 THE TESTIMONY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU NEED-- WE HAVE THE REPRESENTATIVE  
11 FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. DO YOU NEED ANY QUESTIONS ANSWERED  
12 OF THE DEPARTMENT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC  
15 WORKS. ON THE REGIONAL PLANNING, BECAUSE THIS WAS A UNIQUE  
16 AREA, MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, PEOPLE BOUGHT LITTLE PARCELS OF  
17 PROPERTY AND SO YOU HAD-- PERHAPS REGIONAL PLANNING COULD  
18 EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD HOW THAT WORKED AND WHAT WOULD BE THE  
19 DENSITY OF THE PROJECT IF THEY WERE DEVELOPING UNDER THAT  
20 SCENARIO.

21

22 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 2,600 SMALL LOTS OF  
23 ABOUT 2,500 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE THAT WERE SUBDIVIDED BY A  
24 RECORD OF SURVEY, WHICH WAS A LEGAL MEANS OF SUBDIVISION UP  
25 UNTIL THE LATE 1920S. THE PROJECT APPLICANT HAS COMBINED THOSE



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1 LOTS INTO CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PARCELS. IT'S BEEN GIVEN A  
2 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE ON I BELIEVE IT'S 624 TOTAL PARCELS  
3 BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT 624 HOMES COULD BE BUILT. THERE WOULD  
4 BE SOME STREETS AND OTHER SORTS OF THINGS REQUIRED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 624 HOMES COULD BE BUILT UNDER...?

7

8 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** 624 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE HAVE BEEN  
9 GRANTED. IT'S MORE LIKELY SOMEWHERE IN THE MID-400S THAT COULD  
10 BE BUILT WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE LOTS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES THE DENSITY COMPARE TO  
13 SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENTS?

14

15 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** WE'VE DONE-- THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE OF  
16 CALCULATIONS DONE ON DENSITY. THE AREA TO THE EAST, WITHIN THE  
17 PORTER RANCH DEVELOPMENT, IS ABOUT TWO TO THREE UNITS PER  
18 ACRE. SOUTH OF THE FREEWAY IS ABOUT 1.9. AS AN OVERALL NUMBER,  
19 IT CAME OUT TO 1.6 UNITS PER ACRE FOR THE SURROUNDING  
20 COMMUNITY AND THE PROJECT IS AT 1.7.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW IS THE DENSITY CONSISTENT WITH THE  
23 GENERAL PLAN?

24



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1 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** IT IS ABSOLUTELY CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL  
2 PLAN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES IT COMPARE TO THE PORTER RANCH  
5 TO THE EAST OF THE PROJECT?

6

7 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** SLIGHTLY LESS DENSITY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES THE DENSITY COMPARE TO NEW  
10 DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS NEIGHBORING SANTA CLARITA AND ANTELOPE  
11 VALLEYS?

12

13 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. PORTIONS OF THE  
14 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ARE DEVELOPING AT A MUCH HIGHER DENSITY,  
15 A MORE URBAN DENSITY, BUT THERE ARE PORTIONS CERTAINLY OF THE  
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY OR THE ACTON AREA THAT ARE AT A NON-URBAN  
17 DENSITY AND THIS IS CLOSER TO THAT KIND OF DENSITY, AROUND ONE  
18 UNIT PER ACRE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ISSUE OF THE WILD ANIMALS?

21

22 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** AS FAR AS THE WILDLIFE-- IS IT A WILDLIFE  
23 CORRIDOR? I THINK I SHOULD DEFER TO DR. KOUTNIK.

24



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1   **DR. KOUTNIK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DARYL KOUTNIK WITH  
2   REGIONAL PLANNING. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT LOOKED AT THE  
3   POTENTIAL FOR IMPACTS TO WILDLIFE MOVEMENT. THE MAIN CORRIDOR  
4   IN THE AREA IS IN DEVIL CANYON, WHICH IS CURRENTLY PARTIALLY  
5   DEDICATED TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND, WITH  
6   THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT, THE REMAINDER ON THIS PROPERTY  
7   WOULD ALSO BE DEDICATED TO SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PUBLIC WORKS, RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED  
10   STORM WATER TREATMENT DEVICES APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA  
11   REGIONAL QUALITY BOARD, ARE THESE INCORPORATED IN THIS  
12   PROPOSAL?

13

14   **DENNIS HUNTER:** DENNIS HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
15   WORKS. YES, THE C.D.S. UNITS THAT ARE AT THE END OF THE STORM  
16   DRAIN LINES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION, THEY'RE A VORTEX  
17   SEPARATION SYSTEM TYPE DEVICE THAT THE REGIONAL BOARD HAS  
18   APPROVED AS A FULL CAPTURE DEVICE FOR REMOVING TRASH.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THERE OTHER DEVICES THAT ARE BETTER THAN  
21   THE ONES APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL QUALITY BOARD?

22

23   **DENNIS HUNTER:** THE C.D.S. UNIT IS A PROPRIETARY BRAND OF THE  
24   TYPE THAT THE REGIONAL BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED AS FULL CAPTURE  
25   DEVICES FOR REMOVING TRASH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE USE THOSE IN ANY OTHER PARTS OF THE  
3 COUNTY?

4

5 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES. PUBLIC WORKS HAS APPROVED APPROXIMATELY 40  
6 STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, OF WHICH FIVE HAVE  
7 ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED AND WE'RE CURRENTLY MAINTAINING C.D.S.  
8 UNITS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE THEY FUNCTIONING?

11

12 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THEY'RE FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY FOR TREATING  
13 THE RUNOFF THAT THEY WERE INTENDED TO TREAT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY PLACES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
16 ARE THESE STORM DEVICES UTILIZED?

17

18 **DENNIS HUNTER:** AS I MENTIONED, IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THERE'S 40 THAT  
20 ARE PLANNED TO GO IN, OF WHICH FIVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
21 INSTALLED AND ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND COMPARED TO OTHER EXISTING RESIDENCES,  
24 HOW WILL THE LEVEL OF STORM WATER QUALITY PROTECTION BE FOR  
25 THIS PROJECT?



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2 **DENNIS HUNTER:** BEING THAT THE DOWNSTREAM RESIDENTIAL AREAS  
3 DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE ANY WATER TREATMENT DEVICES CURRENTLY  
4 INTEGRATED INTO THEIR STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS. THIS PROJECT WOULD  
5 HAVE A HIGHER QUALITY OF STORM DISCHARGE THAN THE DOWNSTREAM  
6 AREAS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THERE ANY SYSTEMS OR DEVICES THAT OFFSET  
9 THE IMPACTS OF PESTICIDES OR ANIMAL WASTE ENTERING INTO THE  
10 STORM WATER RUNOFF?

11

12 **DENNIS HUNTER:** THERE CURRENTLY AREN'T ANY PROPRIETARY DEVICES  
13 THAT COULD BE INSTALLED AT THE END OF A STORM DRAIN PIPE TO  
14 TREAT FOR PESTICIDES OR ANIMAL WASTE. AS PART OF ANY GOOD  
15 STORM WATER QUALITY PROGRAM, A PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SOURCE  
16 CONTROL ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY WHERE PESTICIDES ARE BEING  
17 APPLIED AS WELL AS HERBICIDES AND IN THE EQUESTRIAN AREAS  
18 WHERE HORSES WOULD BE KEPT, THE BEST PRACTICE IS TO USE SOURCE  
19 CONTROL TO KEEP THOSE CONSTITUENTS FROM BEING INTERJECTED INTO  
20 THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PROPOSAL, AS WAS STATED EARLIER, HAS HAD  
23 A LOT OF INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK  
24 PATTY FRIEDMAN AND PAUL NOVAK FROM MY OFFICE, AND ALSO THE  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY QUITE INVOLVED WITH



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1 THIS PROJECT IN TRYING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE  
2 BEING ADDRESSED TODAY BY SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO RAISED  
3 CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE TRAFFIC, THE STORM WATER RUNOFF, THE  
4 SEWER ISSUE, AND THE ISSUE OF DENSITY. AND WHILE YOU CAN NEVER  
5 RECEIVE A HUNDRED PERCENT COMPLIANCE ON PROJECTS, INVOLVING  
6 THE COMMUNITY IN THIS HAS DEVELOPED SOME-- I SHOULD SAY HAS  
7 DEVELOPED VAST IMPROVEMENTS OVER WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED  
8 AND SOME OF THE ADDITIONS THAT I'M GOING TO ADD FROM TODAY'S  
9 TESTIMONY THAT WAS RAISED BY SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SPOKE  
10 TO STRENGTHEN THE PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US. LET ME SAY  
11 THAT THIS PROJECT IS INTERESTING BECAUSE IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF  
12 A VARIETY OF INTERESTS FROM V.I.C.A. TO THE SANTA MONICA  
13 MOUNTAINS TRAILS, RECREATION AND THE EQUESTRIAN COALITION,  
14 CORRAL 54, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY COMING TOGETHER  
15 ON A PROJECT. TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT ON SURROUNDING  
16 NEIGHBORHOODS IN CHATSWORTH, WE DIRECTED THAT WE INCLUDE 235  
17 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, OF WHICH 145 ACRE OFF-SITE PARCEL IS  
18 ADJACENT TO EXISTING PUBLICLY-OWNED OPEN SPACE PROJECTS AND  
19 THE OTHER 79 ACRES IS DEDICATED TO THE SANTA MONICA  
20 CONSERVANCY. AND THERE'S CONSTRUCTION OF NEARLY 4.3 MILES OF  
21 EQUESTRIAN AND HIKING TRAILS, WHICH IS GOING TO CONNECT TO OUR  
22 REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK, AMONG WITH A CONSTRUCTION OF A MAIN  
23 LINE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM FOR THE ADJOINING TWIN LAKES  
24 COMMUNITY. ON THE ISSUE OF FIRE, WE HAVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
25 HELIPORT FOR USE BY THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER



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1 EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE \$1 MILLION IN  
2 FUNDING TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO PROVIDE  
3 ONGOING FUNDING FOR A PARK RANGER FOR THE SANTA SUZANNA  
4 MOUNTAINS AND \$300,000 WILL BE REIMBURSED TO THE COUNTY'S  
5 PROPOSITION "A" FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A 13-ACRE  
6 COMMUNITY PARK IN CHATSWORTH KNOWN AS HORNER PARK. THEY'RE  
7 GOING TO INCORPORATE A SERIES OF TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES  
8 THAT-- AND I SHOULD SAY THAT THE MEASURES THAT WE HAVE  
9 PROPOSED, A 538 UNIT PROJECT WHICH WE ARE GOING TO  
10 CONSIDERABLY DOWNSIZE AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THAT IT'S GOING  
11 TO BE SCALED BACK BY APPROXIMATELY-- A LARGE PERCENTAGE SCALE-  
12 BACK. AND WE'RE GOING TO CONSTRUCT A STOREFRONT SUBSTATION FOR  
13 USE BY THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
14 OF \$350,000 IN FEES TO THE CITY AND COUNTY TO ENHANCE LOCAL  
15 LIBRARIES AND \$300,000 TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR  
16 OPERATIONS OF LOCAL CHILDCARE PROGRAMS IN THE CHATSWORTH  
17 COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, ON THE INPUTS THAT WE HAD THIS  
18 AFTERNOON, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE ADDITIONAL CORRECTION-- OR  
19 ADDITIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE LOTS BEING  
20 15,000 SQUARE FEET OR LARGER, REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PROJECT  
21 TO 300-- FROM 388 UNITS TO 375 UNITS BY CONSOLIDATING LOTS  
22 WITHIN NEIGHBORHOOD THREE AND FOUR ALONG THE PROJECT'S EASTERN  
23 AND SOUTHERN PERIMETER, AND REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 55 LOTS  
24 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED TO ACCOMMODATE HORSE KEEPING AND ALLOW  
25 A MINOR INCREASE OF TWO LOTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD TWO. THE



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1    APPLICANT WILL DEPOSIT AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION INTO AN  
2    ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN THE  
3    LOCAL CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY AND THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED-- WILL  
4    BE MADE BY FOUR ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF \$250,000, THE FIRST WHICH  
5    WILL BE DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE BOARD'S ADOPTIONS OF THE  
6    FINDING AND CONDITIONS, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY OUR  
7    OFFICE. OTHER THAN THE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND  
8    CONFIGURATION OF LOTS, THE ESSENTIAL LAYOUT OF THE SUBDIVISION  
9    WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. THERE SHALL BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES  
10    TO THE ACCESS AND CIRCULATION SYSTEM, THE AMOUNT OF LOCATION  
11    TO THE OPEN SPACE, THE PROPOSED TRAILS, THE AMOUNT OF  
12    DEVELOPED AREAS, INCLUDING GRADING, OR ANY INCREASE IN THE  
13    NUMBER OF OAK TREES TO BE REMOVED. THE \$2 MILLION CAP ON COSTS  
14    ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWERS IN TWIN LAKES  
15    AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WILL BE  
16    ELIMINATED. THE APPLICANT WILL NOW BEAR THE ENTIRE COSTS OF  
17    THE ENTIRE TWIN LAKES SEWERS, REGARDLESS OF THE FINAL COSTS.  
18    THE APPLICANT SHALL POSTPONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
19    SEWERS AND TWIN LAKES PRIOR TO THE RECORDATION OF THE FIRST  
20    FINAL MAP. THE SEWERS AND TWIN LAKES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND  
21    ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PRIOR TO THE  
22    ISSUANCE OF A FINAL INSPECTION FOR THE 190TH HOME. WE WILL  
23    ELIMINATE THE SECOND PARAGRAPH C.U.P. CONDITION 64 CONCERNING  
24    THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION. THE  
25    APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT PLANS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



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1 FOR THE "A" STREET AND CANOGA AVENUE BRIDGES PRIOR TO  
2 RECORDATION OF THE FINAL FIRST MAP. THE "A" STREET AND CANOGA  
3 AVENUE BRIDGES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND ACCEPTED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE  
5 BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE 130TH HOME. CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MAY  
6 USE CANOGA AVENUE ONLY UNTIL "A" STREET BRIDGE IS COMPLETE.  
7 THEREAFTER, ALL CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC SHALL USE TOPANGA CANYON  
8 BOULEVARD. DURING THE PERIOD WHEN CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC USES  
9 CANOGA AVENUE, THE APPLICANT SHALL EMPLOY TWO CROSSING GUARDS  
10 AT THE CORNER OF CANOGA AVENUE AND CHATSWORTH STREET AND AT  
11 THE CORNER OF CANOGA AVENUE AND TULSA STREET, WHEN LOCAL  
12 SCHOOLS, DAY CAMPS OR SUMMER CAMPS ARE IN SESSION. DURING THE  
13 PERIOD WHEN CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC USES CANOGA AVENUE, THE  
14 APPLICANT SHALL EMPLOY ONE OR TWO FLAG PERSONS AS DETERMINED  
15 BY THE PUBLIC OF WORKS ON SOUTHBOUND CANOGA AVENUE TO ALERT  
16 MOTORISTS TO ONCOMING CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES. UPON COMPLETION  
17 OF THE "A" STREET BRIDGE, THE APPLICANT SHALL POST "NO  
18 CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC" SIGNS ON THE CANOGA AVENUE ENTRANCE TO  
19 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THE APPLICANT SHALL FILE WRITTEN REPORTS  
20 ON A MONTHLY BASIS WITH THE DEER LAKE CONSTRUCTION MONITORING  
21 COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF NO MORE THAN SIX INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE  
22 PROPERTY OWNERS, TENANTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND/OR INTERESTED  
23 PARTIES APPOINTED BY MY OFFICE. THE APPLICANT SHALL MEET WITH  
24 THE DEER LAKE CONSTRUCTION MONITORING COMMITTEE ON A QUARTERLY  
25 BASIS OR LESS FREQUENTLY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.



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1 PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF "A" STREET BRIDGE, CONSTRUCTION SHALL  
2 ALSO BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ALONG THREE ROUTES: ONE FROM  
3 DESOTO AVENUE TO DEVONSHIRE STREET TO CANOGA AVENUE TO THE  
4 SITE; AND, TWO, FROM TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD TO CHATSWORTH  
5 STREET TO CANOGA AVENUE TO THE SITE; AND, THREE, FROM TOPANGA  
6 CANYON BOULEVARD TO MOBINA PLACE, PULMONT PLACE TO THE SITE.  
7 TO THE SITE. UPON COMPLETION OF THE "A" STREET BRIDGE, ALL  
8 CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTRICTED TO TRAVEL FROM TOPANGA  
9 CANYON BOULEVARD TO PULMONT PLACE TO THE SITE. PRIOR TO THE  
10 ISSUANCE OF ANY GRADING OR BUILDING PERMITS, THE APPLICANT  
11 SHALL PAY FOR AND CAUSE TO BE CONSTRUCTED A SPEED RADAR  
12 WARNING SIGN ON SOUTHBOUND CANOGA AVENUE. FOR THE DURATION OF  
13 THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON THE PROJECT SITE, AT LEAST  
14 TWICE A YEAR AND PRIOR TO THE RECORDATION OF EACH FINAL MAP,  
15 THE APPLICANT SHALL SURVEY THE MARKET TO DETERMINE IF THERE  
16 EXISTS A MORE EFFECTIVE STORM WATER FILTRATIONS DEVICE  
17 COMPARED TO THE PROPOSED C.D.S. SYSTEM AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IF A MORE EFFECTIVE DEVICE IS  
19 COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE AND APPROVED BY REGULATORY AGENCIES,  
20 THE APPLICANT SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
21 TO INCORPORATE THAT DEVICE INTO THE PROJECT. PRIOR TO CLOSE OF  
22 ESCROW, THE APPLICANT SHALL FURNISH EACH HOME BUYER WITH A  
23 LIST OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES DESIGNED TO REDUCE DISCHARGE  
24 OF POLLUTANTS FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. THE PROJECT  
25 CONDITIONS COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT THIS



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1 LIST BE PROVIDED TO FUTURE HOME BUYERS. PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE  
2 OF ANY GRADING OR BUILDING PERMITS, THE APPLICANT SHALL MEET  
3 WITH THE OWNERS OF EXISTING RESIDENCES WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE  
4 FOR MAINTAINING ACCESS AND UTILITY SERVICES TO THESE RESIDENTS  
5 DURING CONSTRUCTION. THE PLAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW  
6 AND APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING,  
7 ELIMINATION OF THE EQUESTRIAN STAGING AREA PROJECT COMPONENT  
8 THAT WAS REJECTED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, MODIFICATIONS OF THE  
9 CONDITION REGARDING CHILDCARE TO ALLOW FOR THE FUNDING TO BE  
10 SPENT AT ANY LOCATION WITHIN CHATSWORTH. WHILE NO DEVELOPMENT  
11 PROJECT IS PERFECT, ALL CREATE VARIOUS IMPACTS, THIS PROJECT  
12 IS AN ATTEMPT TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY AND PUT  
13 TOGETHER A REASONABLE COMPROMISE. AND I WOULD ALSO SAY, YOU  
14 KNOW, ONCE AGAIN TO REITERATE FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD, THIS  
15 ACTION IN NO WAY IS TO LIMIT ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTY OWNERS  
16 SURROUNDING THE AREA OR ACTION AND, AGAIN, TO RECITE WHAT OUR  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL SAID, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.  
18 SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING,  
19 INDICATE WE HAVE READ AND CONSIDERED THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
20 DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROJECT AND WE TEND TO CERTIFY THE  
21 E.I.R., INDICATING OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE C.U.P.,  
22 INDICATING OUR PERMIT TO APPROVE THE OAK TREE PERMIT, AND  
23 INDICATE OUR INTENT TO APPROVE THE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
24 MAP, AND DIRECTING OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS  
25 AND CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 DOCUMENTATION CONSISTENT WITH THE REVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE  
2 MOTION FOR APPROVAL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE. I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT  
9 PROJECT. HOWEVER, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ONE ISSUE AND  
10 THAT'S THE ACCESS ISSUE. I THINK WE PUT THE SANTA MONICA  
11 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY IN A CONFLICT POSITION BECAUSE,  
12 BASICALLY, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO LITIGATE AN ISSUE OF  
13 PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS AND TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE FUNDS ON  
14 LITIGATING THAT ISSUE AND PREVENTING ANYONE FROM COMING ACROSS  
15 THEIR PROPERTY. AND, AT THE SAME TIME, IF THEY STOP THEM FROM  
16 COMING ACROSS THE PROPERTY, THEY PICK UP AT LEAST 60, 70, OR  
17 MAYBE 100 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE THAT WILL BE ADJACENT TO THE  
18 SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY. SO THE MEMBERS OF THAT BOARD ARE IN  
19 A REAL CONFLICT SITUATION. IF THEY AGREE TO, SAY, ALLOW THE  
20 PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS, THEY THEN WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
21 TO PREVENT ANY DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THEIR STRIP. SO I DO THINK  
22 THAT WE SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING IN HERE THAT GIVES THEM  
23 DIRECTION THAT THIS GRANT TO SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY IS BASED  
24 UPON THEM WORKING OUT ACCESS TO OTHER LANDS THAT ARE ADJACENT  
25 TO THEM ON PROPERTIES THAT THEY OWN THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THIS,



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1 BECAUSE I THINK THEN YOU GIVE EVEN THE BOARD AN OUT. BECAUSE  
2 WHY SHOULD THEY GIVE UP A HUNDRED ACRES THAT THEY CAN GET OF  
3 OPEN SPACE BY SIMPLY SAYING "YOU CAN'T DEVELOP IT," AND THEY  
4 CAN DO THAT AND THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO FIGHT IN ANY  
5 PRESCRIPTIVE ACTION THAT PEOPLE ATTEMPT TO GET. SO I DO THINK  
6 THAT WE SHOULD NOT-- WE SHOULD GIVE THEM DIRECTION SO THAT  
7 THEIR BOARD IS NOT PLACED IN THAT KIND OF A CONFLICT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I TOTALLY AGREE. I MEAN, I THINK WE NEED TO  
10 DO SOMETHING ON THE ACCESS ISSUE. I MEAN, THAT-- I CAN'T  
11 UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS IS THROUGH THE COURTS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK THE GRANT TO SANTA MONICA  
14 CONSERVANCY SHOULD BE CONDITIONAL UPON THEM ARRIVING AT  
15 ACCESS-- AT RESOLVING ACCESS ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO OTHER  
16 PROPERTIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. AND I THINK  
17 THAT'S ONLY FAIR.

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19 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU CORRECTLY POINT OUT THAT  
20 THE PROPERTY THAT IS GOING TO THE CONSERVANCY THROUGH THIS  
21 ACTION IS A DIFFERENT PROPERTY.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, IT'S DIFFERENT PROPERTY.

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1   **RICHARD WEISS:** WHAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND IS THAT WE PREPARE  
2   CONDITIONS THAT PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD ENCOURAGES-- I'D HAVE  
3   TO LOOK AT YOUR BOARD FOR GUIDANCE, BUT WE CAN ENCOURAGE THE  
4   CONSERVANCY TO PROVIDE LEGAL ACCESS RIGHTS, IF THEY'RE  
5   NECESSARY, TO ACCESS THOSE PROPERTIES. WE CAN RETURN WITH  
6   CONDITIONS THAT TRY TO IMPLEMENT THAT AND AT THE TIME THAT IT  
7   COMES BACK TO YOUR BOARD AND IF THERE'S DISAGREEMENT, IT CAN  
8   BE ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME.

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10   **SUP. BURKE:** AND, ACTUALLY, YOU PROTECT SANTA MONICA  
11   CONSERVANCY BOARD, BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, THEY'RE IN A POSITION  
12   OF, IF THEY GIVE AWAY SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO PREVENT THEM  
13   FROM GETTING CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACE, THEY'RE  
14   REALLY, YOU KNOW, IN A POSITION THAT'S CONTRARY TO SOME OF  
15   THEIR MISSION. SO I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE THE SANTA MONICA  
16   CONSERVANCY THAT KIND OF PROTECTION.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT -- MY ATTEMPT WAS TO ENSURE THAT  
19   WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ACTION THAT'S GOING TO DENY AN  
20   INDIVIDUAL-- HAVE THE PROPERTY LANDLOCKED FROM OUR ACTIONS.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION?

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24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE ACTION THAT MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION  
2   PROPOSES TO DO TODAY IS TO HAVE YOU COME BACK WITH THE FINAL  
3   SET OF CONDITIONS TO US OR...

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5   **RICHARD WEISS:** CORRECT. COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY IS TENTATIVELY  
8   APPROVING, ESSENTIALLY, OR DIRECTING YOU TO COME BACK FOR THE  
9   FINAL APPROVAL?

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11   **RICHARD WEISS:** CORRECT, INCLUDING ALL THE VARIOUS NEW  
12   CONDITIONS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS...

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE,  
15   IN LINE WITH WHAT MS. BURKE AND MR. ANTONOVICH ARE SAYING, IS  
16   IT'S TOO BAD THAT MR. EDMISTON LEFT BUT I THINK HE NEEDS TO BE  
17   PART OF THE CONVERSATION, TOO, SO THAT HE UNDERSTANDS-- HE MAY  
18   HAVE WANTED TO STAND-- ANYWAY, THE CONSERVANCY MAY HAVE WANTED  
19   A STANDING OF WHAT THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS WAS BASED ON, THAT IT  
20   MAY BE DIFFERENT NOW. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
21   EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING ON ALL SIDES.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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25   **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, WITH THAT, AS AMENDED BY ME, BURKE,  
3 KNABE, YAROSLAVSKY, AND MYSELF, THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE THAT IT ALL COME BACK TO US. ANY  
7 FURTHER QUESTIONS, DISCUSSIONS...

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WOULD THIS BE COMING BACK? JUST SO THAT  
10 EVERYBODY HAS AN IDEA.

11

12 **RICHARD WEISS:** I IMAGINE IT WOULD TAKE 30 TO 45 DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'LL EITHER BE AT NEXT MONTH'S PLANNING  
15 MEETING OR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S? OR IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE...

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17 **RICHARD WEISS:** IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN A PUBLIC HEARING. WE  
18 CAN SET IT ON THAT DATE, IF YOU'D LIKE, BUT TYPICALLY THEY'RE  
19 NOT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SO ORDERED.  
24 THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.



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1   THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND YOU WERE ALL VERY WELL  
2   ORGANIZED. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE ONE MORE. IS THAT CORRECT?

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4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 14?

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8   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES. COMBINED HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE AND  
9   CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CASE NUMBER 02-202-1, TO AUTHORIZE THE  
10   RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCESSIONS  
11   AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
12   ZONE REQUIREMENTS, AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP CASE NUMBER  
13   539671, TO CREATE 32 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS ON 1.41 ACRES OF  
14   PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 1500/1600 BLOCK OF EAST GAUGE AVENUE,  
15   COMPTON, FLORENCE ZONED DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY MARONA  
16   ENTERPRISES.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE STILL HAVE SOME TESTIMONY HERE. IF  
19   YOU COULD ALL LEAVE QUIETLY, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. WE NEED A  
20   STATEMENT BY OUR STAFF AND THEN WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE  
21   PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE.

22

23   **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** ELLEN FITZGERALD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24   REGIONAL PLANNING. PROJECT 02-202 IS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE AN  
25   AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT OF 32 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS. AT LEAST



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1 11 OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENCES WILL BE RESERVED FOR LOW INCOME  
2 HOUSEHOLDS. THE PROJECT SITE IS A NARROW, RECTANGULAR PROPERTY  
3 OF 1.4 ACRES AND ABANDONED RAIL LINE THAT IS CURRENTLY VACANT.  
4 SURROUNDING LAND USES INCLUDE VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL,  
5 AND AUTO RELATED USES TO THE NORTH, INDUSTRIAL AND SINGLE AND  
6 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS TO THE SOUTH, A NEW COMMERCIAL SHOPPING  
7 CENTER TO THE WEST, AND SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY  
8 RESIDENCES TO THE EAST. THE METRO BLUE LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS  
9 LOCATED ONE BLOCK EAST OF THE SITE. THE PROPERTY PRESENTLY  
10 TAKES ACCESS FROM GAUGE AVENUE. HOWEVER, NO ACCESS TO GAUGE IS  
11 SHOWN FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. INSTEAD, THE 32 LOTS WILL  
12 TAKE ACCESS FROM THE 26-FOOT WIDE ALLEY AT THE REAR OF THE  
13 PROPERTY WHERE A TWO-CAR GARAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH  
14 RESIDENCE. THE PROPOSED LOTS RANGE IN SIZE FROM 1,842 SQUARE  
15 FEET TO 2,446 SQUARE FEET, SMALLER THAN THE STANDARD 5,000-  
16 SQUARE-FOOT MINIMUM LOT REQUIRED BY COUNTY CODE. THE HOMES  
17 WILL BE 1,350 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE WITH TWO BEDROOMS AND EACH  
18 IS DESIGNED WITH A FRONT YARD PATIO AREA. THE APPLICANT HAS  
19 REQUESTED APPROVAL OF CONCESSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE ZONING  
20 ORDINANCE THROUGH THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AFFORDABLE  
21 HOUSING PROJECTS TO MODIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE  
22 FOLLOWING AREAS: LOT SIZE, LOT WIDTHS, AND STREET FRONTAGES,  
23 SIDE YARD SETBACKS, REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT AND WALL  
24 HEIGHT ALONG THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE. THESE CONCESSIONS ALLOW  
25 THE PROJECT TO BE DESIGNED AS INDIVIDUAL LOTS AND TO PROVIDE A



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1 REASONABLY-SIZED STRUCTURE ON EACH LOT. A PUBLIC HEARING ON  
2 THE PROPOSAL WAS HELD BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
3 ON OCTOBER 29TH, 2003. THE COMMISSION REVIEWED THE PROJECT  
4 DESIGN AND NOTED THE THE CRITICAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
5 AND DISCUSSED FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR PROVIDING IT. THE  
6 COMMISSION HEARD OPPOSITION TESTIMONY FROM A NEIGHBOR  
7 CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROJECT'S PROPOSED DENSITY, REDUCED LOT  
8 SIZES AND SETBACKS AND THE PARKING AND GRAFFITI PROBLEMS IN  
9 THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSION ALSO REVIEWED WRITTEN  
10 CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
11 AS WELL AS A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. STAFF WAS  
12 ASKED TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING WHERE THE PROJECT WAS  
13 PRESENTED TO NEIGHBORS AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH A  
14 REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING. SATISFIED THAT THE  
15 COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS WERE ADDRESSED AND FINDING THAT THE  
16 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES  
17 IN TERMS OF THE PATTERN, DESIGN, AND ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY  
18 CHARACTER, THE COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE  
19 NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, APPROVE THE  
20 TENTATIVE MAP AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND RECOMMENDED  
21 APPROVAL OF THE ZONE CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2003. THAT  
22 CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, WE  
2   HAVE TWO PEOPLE SIGNED UP. FIRST OF ALL, SUSY ROBLES AND  
3   JOSEPH TITUS. OKAY.

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5   **SUSY ROBLES:** I GO FIRST? I GO FIRST. I'M SUSY ROBLES. I LIVED  
6   IN THIS COMMUNITY-- IN THAT COMMUNITY FOR 27 YEARS AND I'M  
7   OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT. I OPPOSE IT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A  
8   HIGH DENSITY AREA ALREADY, IT'S GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE, THEY'RE  
9   BUILDING NEW HOMES, AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SCHOOLS ALREADY IN  
10   THAT AREA. I WENT TO THOSE SCHOOLS. IT WAS A YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL  
11   SYSTEM AND I'M POSITIVE NOW THAT THERE'S EVEN MORE PEOPLE NOW.  
12   THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH PARKING. THERE'S A PROBLEM, THAT'S  
13   TRUE, THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH GRAFFITI. WELL, LOOK AT MY NOTES.  
14   AND THEN THERE'S A PROBLEM, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH POLICE  
15   PRESENCE, YOU KNOW, AND THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE HOMES, SO I  
16   IMAGINE WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE POLICE OFFICERS, AND I DOUBT  
17   THAT THE BUDGET HAS-- WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GO AROUND FOR  
18   POLICE OFFICERS.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

21

22   **SUSY ROBLES:** I'M JUST HERE TO SAY I OPPOSE IT FOR THOSE  
23   REASONS AND MY PARENTS LIVE THERE. I HAVE A HOME THERE BUT I  
24   LIVE WITH MY PARENTS, AND MY SISTER HAS A HOME THERE, BUT SHE  
25   ALSO LIVES WITH MY PARENTS. WE DON'T PLAN TO MOVE FROM THE



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1 COMMUNITY. WE LIKE IT JUST THE WAY IT IS, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD  
2 LOOK NICE IF WE HAD NEW HOMES, I'M NOT SAYING IT WOULDN'T,  
3 THEY'RE JUST TOO SMALL, THE HOMES THAT THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE.  
4 AND THEN, YOU KNOW, LET'S SAY THE HOUSES ARE-- THEY'RE GOING  
5 TO BE REAL CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, LET'S SAY ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS  
6 LIKE TO PARTY, THE OTHER ONE DOESN'T, THERE WILL BE A CONFLICT  
7 RIGHT THERE. PROBABLY THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CALLS TO THE  
8 POLICE BECAUSE THERE WILL BE ARGUMENTS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

11

12 **SUSY ROBLES:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO  
15 COME DOWN. MR. TITUS? ARE YOU MR. TITUS?

16

17 **JOSEPH TITUS:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

20

21 **JOSEPH TITUS:** MY NAME IS JOSEPH TITUS, AND THIS IS MY SISTER,  
22 MARY ROSE CORTESI. WE ARE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE  
23 FIRESTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE ALSO HAVE A BLOCK WATCH  
24 GROUP, A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AT BETHUNE PARK. EVERYTHING SHE  
25 SAYS IS EXACTLY TRUE BUT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION HAS BEEN A



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1 DUMP YARD SINCE-- WELL, FOR 73 OR 72 YEARS, BECAUSE THAT'S AS  
2 FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER. EVERYBODY HAS DUMPED EVERYTHING ON  
3 THAT PROPERTY. WHEN WE HAD THE BLOCK WATCH GROUP, WE HAD AT  
4 LEAST ONE COMPLAINT ABOUT THAT STRETCH OF LAND EVERY MONTH TO  
5 THE COPS TEAM TO GET IT CORRECTED. PEOPLE DUMP HOUSES--  
6 TRAILER HOUSES, CARS, BOATS, EVERYTHING THEY CAN GET IN THERE  
7 IS DUMPED IN THERE. THE RAILROAD USED TO DUMP EVERYTHING IN  
8 THERE AND IT'S JUST BEEN A MESS. IT WOULD BE A NICE THING TO  
9 HAVE THIS AREA CHANGED FOR ONCE. HOUSING AND EVERYTHING ELSE  
10 STOPPED WHEN THE WATTS' RIOTS OCCURRED AND THIS IS THE FIRST  
11 TRUE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR AREA AND IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO  
12 HAVE SOMETHING THERE THAN NOTHING BUT A GARBAGE DUMP. AT THE  
13 PRESENT TIME, THE CAR DEALERS-- PERSONAL CAR DEALERS GO OVER  
14 THERE ON THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY, AND THERE'S AT LEAST 200  
15 CARS THERE EVERY WEEKEND, THEY'RE TRYING TO SELL IT. SWAP MEET  
16 SETS UP THERE, RESTAURANT GUYS SET UP THERE. IT'S OPEN LAND  
17 AND PEOPLE USE IT, AND, OH, BY THE WAY, I'M SUPPOSED TO  
18 MENTION THAT I WAS REQUESTED TO MENTION THAT THE MCKEE MASH  
19 GROUP HAS SENT IN LETTERS TO THE GROUP IN FAVOR OF THIS HERE,  
20 AND I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS ON MANCHESTER AND CENTRAL.



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1     **JOSEPH TITUS:** PARDON?

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3     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS ON MANCHESTER AND CENTRAL.

4

5     **JOSEPH TITUS:** [ LAUGHS ] WELL, IT'S CHANGED. IT'S CHANGED FROM  
6     GOOD, BAD. GOOD, BAD. GOOD, BAD.

7

8     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M A PRODUCT OF RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
9     AND EDISON JUNIOR HIGH.

10

11    **SUP. BURKE:** YOU WORK HARD, MR. TITUS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD  
12    WORK THERE.

13

14    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

15

16    **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE  
17    ITEM. THIS DEVELOPER HAD COME TO US AND, AT ONE POINT, WAS  
18    GOING TO PUT IN AN INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSING SITUATION. WE  
19    ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOME OWNERSHIP. IT  
20    BRINGS A LOT OF STABILITY TO A NEIGHBORHOOD. HE CHANGED HIS  
21    PROJECT. IT REALLY MERITS THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD IN TRYING  
22    TO ENCOURAGE THESE KIND OF PROJECTS. IN THE ONES THAT WE HAVE  
23    DONE THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHEAST AND IN WHITTIER AREA, HOME  
24    OWNERSHIP, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE SMALL, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE  
25    LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO OWN THEIR OWN HOME, AND THIS IS



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1 A PROJECT THAT REALLY CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT, IN A SMALL SPACE,  
2 YOU CAN PUT IN THIS MANY UNITS AND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE  
3 AFFORDABLE AND LIVABLE UNITS. AND I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE  
4 PEOPLE TAKING MUCH MORE PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY, SO WE SUPPORT  
5 IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ALREADY DID THE STATEMENT. RIGHT?  
8 YOU DID THE STATEMENT. I HAD A LITTLE SENIOR MOMENT THERE, YOU  
9 KNOW. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE. OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND  
10 SECONDED. WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT ANY  
12 FURTHER DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS AND NO OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.  
13 WE HAVE HAD A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NUMBER 18. I  
14 WOULD MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS ITEM 18?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS ITEM 18?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT WAS-- LET'S SEE. IT WAS MY  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. TO EXPLORE  
24 LOCATION OF THE STAFF WITH THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF STATION AND  
25 THE D.C.F.S. ISSUE AND A REPORT BACK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT 18?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I ALSO ASK RECONSIDERATION  
7 OF ITEM 17 AND CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK? WE WERE UNDER THE  
8 IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE CONTINUED AND...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO, NO... WELL, I NEVER GAVE THE IMPRESSION  
11 THAT I WAS GOING TO CONTINUE IT. I MEAN, THAT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW, I KNOW, BUT SOMEWHERE AT THE LOWER  
14 LEVELS. CAN WE DO THAT? ONE WEEK?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT THAT MUCH, IF IT'S ONLY GOING TO TAKE A  
19 WEEK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST REMEMBER THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE  
22 CONTINUANCE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. I-- BUT WE'LL CONTINUE IT FOR  
23 A WEEK, YEAH, BUT I MEAN...

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE RECONSIDERATION ON 17 AND THAT IT BE  
2   CONTINUED A WEEK.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. ANYWAY, ITEM NUMBER 18.  
5   MR. WILLIAMS.

6

7   **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS  
8   ITEM, RECONSIDERING IT. OUR POSITION IS SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND  
9   THIS FULLY. IT'S SAVING THAT 207 CHILDREN FROM DANGEROUS  
10   SITUATIONS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE  
11   TEAM HAS BEEN RESCUED AND IS SEEKING FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM,  
12   AND IT IS SUGGESTING THAT THERE'S SOME TYPE OF COLLABORATION  
13   BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THINGS. WELL, THE CHECK AND  
14   BALANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN GOVERNMENT. AND IF YOU  
15   CREATE A COLLABORATION WITH THE POLICE AND THE SHERIFF'S  
16   DEPARTMENT AND THEN TIE THEM COMPLETELY IN WITH DEPARTMENT OF  
17   CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THEN WHAT WILL END UP TAKING  
18   PLACE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING ONE AGENCY TO DO AN  
19   INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION FROM ANOTHER IS DEPRIVING THE  
20   CITIZENS OF THOSE RIGHTS. AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES WHEN  
21   THE POLICE HAVE NOT AGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
22   FAMILY SERVICES. SO THE LITTLE THAT PARENTS AND CHILDREN HAVE  
23   TO GET ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, ARE CAPABLE OF DOING A  
24   INDEPENDENT OR SEPARATE INVESTIGATION OR WHATEVER IS  
25   NECESSARY, IT SHOULD BE LEFT IN PLACE. SUCH A COLLABORATION



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1 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD REALLY JUST FORM A CONSPIRACY AND,  
2 UNFORTUNATELY, D.C.F.S. IS A MONOPOLY IN THIS COUNTY, AND  
3 THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE THAT PEOPLE CAN GO. SO, WHEN THEY HAVE A  
4 PROBLEM WITH D.C.F.S., LIKE MYSELF, I'VE FILED THREE LAWSUITS  
5 AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT, AND INSTEAD OF LOCKING HORNS WITH THAT  
6 DEPARTMENT, YOU HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. SO WE WOULD ASK THAT  
7 THIS NOT BE APPROVED, THAT THIS BOARD WOULD GIVE MORE  
8 CONSIDERATION TO THIS AND REALLY CONSIDER HOW YOU WILL JUST  
9 OBLIViate THE CHECK AND BALANCES WITHIN GOVERNMENT ITSELF,  
10 WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE HIGHEST SCIENCE OF ORDER AND  
11 SERVICES. SO WE NEED A HIGHER SCIENCE APPLIED HERE, WE NEED  
12 THOSE SERVICES APPLIED. SEPARATE FROM THAT ISSUE, THERE IS  
13 ANOTHER REQUEST THAT I HAVE, AND I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN SPEAK  
14 ON THAT...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
17 IT WILL BE CONTINUED. THAT ITEM'S BEEN CONTINUED.

18

19 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** NO. I'M SAYING SINCE I'M UP NOW BEFORE YOU,  
20 IF I CAN SPEAK ON A SEPARATE ITEM, SEPARATE FROM THIS ITEM 18  
21 NOW.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

24

25 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** NO. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.  
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4 ORDERED. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS IN FRONT OF US HERE. ITEM 24, I  
5 BELIEVE WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT PLEASE. I'M GOING--  
8 AND IT SHOULD BE PASSED OUT. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS WITH,  
10 NUMBER ONE, AN INVENTORY OF THE CURRENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
11 WITH TELEVISION PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES, SKILLS, AND STAFFING.  
12 NUMBER TWO, A CONSTANT COMPARISON BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
13 AND OUTSOURCING AND, NUMBER THREE, RE-EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY  
14 OF UTILIZING EXISTING COUNTY DEPARTMENT RESOURCES WITH  
15 PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES FOR BOARD MEETING PRODUCTION NEEDS  
16 AND, FINALLY, NUMBER FOUR, THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING A  
17 CLAUSE IN THE NEW R.F.P. COUNTY STATING IF AND WHEN THE COUNTY  
18 DETERMINES THE COUNTY IS NOW CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ITS OWN  
19 SERVICES, THE CONTRACT WILL CEASE SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY  
20 FOLLOWING A 30-DAY NOTICE. THAT'S A REPORT BACK.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE REPORT BACK  
4    BUT I DON'T WANT THE REPORT BACK TO, AT LEAST AS FAR AS MY  
5    VOTE IS CONCERNED, TO BE CONSTRUED AS WANTING TO DO THIS,  
6    BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE-- I'M NOT SURE I AGREE WITH WHERE -- THAT  
7    THIS COULD WORK THE WAY IT'S IMPLIED IN HERE, AND I'M JUST  
8    LOOKING AT IT FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND SO I DON'T HAVE A  
9    PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT IT BUT I'M SATISFIED WITH THE  
10   SERVICE WE'RE GETTING FROM OUR CONTRACTOR. I THINK IT'S GOT TO  
11   BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER ONE SHOP, IT CAN'T BE FARMED OUT TO A  
12   BUNCH OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, MANY OF WHOM MAY OR MAY NOT  
13   HAVE CAPABILITIES, I DON'T KNOW, AND, AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
14   WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THE SERVICE DONE BY ONE PERSON WHO  
15   IS HELD RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE, AND I DON'T WANT THIS TO  
16   BE, AT LEAST FROM MY PART OF IT, TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN ELEMENT  
17   OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SERVICE WE'RE GETTING. I DON'T  
18   HAVE A PROBLEM WITH GETTING THE COMPARISON INFORMATION. I JUST  
19   DON'T WANT YOU...

20

21   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WHAT PART DO YOU OBJECT TO? I WANT TO  
22   UNDERSTAND.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I MEAN, I'M NOT...

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I THINK, IF AND WHEN THE COUNTY DETERMINES  
2   THE COUNTY IS NOT CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ITS OWN SERVICES, THE  
3   CONTRACTOR WILL CEASE SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY FOLLOWING A 30-  
4   DAY NOTICE. I THINK THAT...

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S ONLY A CLAUSE. THE  
7   REASON IS, WHEN WE ASK THE QUESTIONS, WHEN THIS ISSUE CAME UP,  
8   THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN  
9   ALERTED TO OUR OWN CAPABILITY THAT WE HAVE. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10   PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS A WHOLE PRODUCTION STUDIO AND IT'S  
11   A SHAME THAT, WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO CUT BACK,  
12   IF WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY, WE SHOULD LOOK AT OUR OWN  
13   CAPABILITY. WE'RE PAYING FOR THAT PRODUCTION STUDIO RIGHT NOW  
14   AND ALL WE'RE SAYING IS HAVE A LOOK AT IT, DO AN ASSESSMENT,  
15   MAKE A LIST. IF IT'S NOT SUITABLE, I DON'T WANT IT TO WORK,  
16   EITHER BUT, WANT IT TO WORK EITHER, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
17   WE'RE PAYING OUT TO DO THIS NOW. I KNOW THEY MAY DO A FINE JOB  
18   BUT THE POINT IS, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT STARTS COMING BACK AND  
19   CUTTING DOWN ON CERTAIN SERVICES AND WE HAVE THAT CAPABILITY,  
20   UNLESS YOU'RE GOING TO CUT OUT THEIR VARIOUS PRODUCTION  
21   CAPABILITIES, AND ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT, IN THIS R.F.P., IF  
22   YOU DON'T PUT IN THAT LANGUAGE NOW, YOU WON'T HAVE AN  
23   OPPORTUNITY. YOU MIGHT FIND OUT THAT YOU HAVE VERY CAPABLE --  
24   I DON'T KNOW IF YOU DO, WE DON'T KNOW THAT -- YOU MAY HAVE



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1 VERY CAPABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO IT IN-HOUSE. THAT'S ALL WE'RE  
2 ASKING

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU ASKED WHAT MY PROBLEM WAS, WHAT  
5 PART OF THIS I HAD PROBLEMS WITH. ONE OF MY PROBLEMS IS JUST  
6 BECAUSE THERE'S A DEPARTMENT THAT MAY HAVE A TAPE EDITING  
7 MACHINE OR A CAMERA OR WHATEVER IT IS DOESN'T MEAN THAT, IF  
8 THEY PUT ALL THEIR RESOURCES INTO THIS SHOP, THAT THEY WON'T  
9 HAVE TO-- WHATEVER THEY'RE USING THAT EQUIPMENT FOR FOR THEIR  
10 OWN PURPOSES, WON'T HAVE TO BE BACKFILLED SOME OTHER WAY, SO  
11 I-- THERE MAY BE QUOTE/UNQUOTE "CAPABILITIES" OR TECHNOLOGIES  
12 OR MACHINES LAYING AROUND THE COUNTY IN VARIOUS PLACES BUT  
13 WHAT WE ARE BUYING FOR THIS CONTRACT IS ONE OUTFIT WHICH DOES  
14 IT ALL, WHICH WE CAN HOLD ACCOUNTABLE, WHICH ISN'T FRAGMENTED,  
15 AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO HIRE, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO HIRE  
16 SOMEBODY HERE AND PROVIDE ALL THE RESOURCES THAT WE DO WHEN WE  
17 HIRE SOMEBODY IN-HOUSE TO-- BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
18 HIRE SOMEBODY IN-HOUSE IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT-- A  
19 CONTRACT OUTSIDE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HIRE SOMEBODY IN-  
20 HOUSE TO COORDINATE ALL THIS OR YOU'RE GOING TO END UP WITH  
21 BUNCH OF EMBARRASMENTS GOING OUT ON THE AIR. AND-- SO THAT'S  
22 ONE THING. THE SECOND THING IS, ON THE R.F.P. -- WHAT IS OUR  
23 CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THESE FOLKS AS FAR AS TERMINATION IS  
24 CONCERNED? IS THERE A 30-DAY CANCELLATION CLAUSE?

25



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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I BELIEVE THERE'S A 10-DAY TERMINATION CLAUSE  
2   FOR EITHER PARTY.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 10-DAY? 10-DAY? OKAY. THEN... 10 DAYS?

5

6   **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MS. MOLINA ACTUALLY WANTS TO GIVE THEM  
9   MORE TIME. I SEE.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL IT IS. 30-DAY NOTICE, SIR, 30 DAY  
12   NOTICE.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I JUST-- I MEAN, IS THERE A -- I'M  
15   JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S DRIVING THIS. IS THERE A  
16   FEELING THAT WE COULD GET THIS DONE-- I'LL LEAVE IT TO-- THE  
17   ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY, ITEM NUMBER 24, IS A...

18

19   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S A CERTIFICATION OF A TRANSFER, OR  
20   WHATEVER THE WORD IS, AND ALSO AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT TO  
21   JUNE 1ST TO GIVE US TIME TO COMPLETE THE R...

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO JUNE 30TH?

24



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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** TO JUNE 30TH, TO GIVE US TIME TO COMPLETE THE  
2   R.F.P. PROCESS, WHICH GIVES US TIME TO DO THE WORK THAT  
3   SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS ASKING.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL IT IS, IS A REPORT.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN, AS AMENDED, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
8   MOLINA, SECOND? SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY.  
9   THEN ZEV AND I-- DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS ON A-3?

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU GET TO A-3, DID WE RECONSIDER 17  
12   AND CONTINUE IT A WEEK? IS THAT DONE?

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE I DIDN'T HEAR VIOLET AND I ALWAYS  
17   GET CONCERNED WHEN I DON'T HEAR VIOLET, SO DO YOU HAVE... I  
18   MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF 17 AND ASK THAT IT BE CONTINUED FOR  
19   ONE WEEK.

20

21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, WE CONTINUED IT ONE WEEK.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. GOD BLESS YOU. ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL  
24   WITHDRAW THAT SECOND RECONSIDERATION.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T, YOU KNOW, I JUST,  
2   YOU KNOW, IN A SENSE OF FAIRNESS, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, IT  
3   WOULD BE NICE IF YOU AGREED TO A CONTINUANCE EVERY ONCE IN A  
4   WHILE.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, ONCE IN A WHILE, I DO.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YEAH, ONCE IN A WHILE.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE. THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL E-MAIL YOU HOW I  
11   FEEL ABOUT THAT.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL DEFER TO YOU ON THAT.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. A-3?

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANTED TO GET THE PUBLIC WORKS, IF  
20   THEY'RE HERE, TO GIVE US KIND OF AN ASSESSMENT.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I THINK MR. NOYES OWES US AN  
23   EXPLANATION. I MEAN, THE CONCERN BEING, I MEAN, ONE, THAT, YOU  
24   KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A PLAN IN PLACE AND EVERYTHING BUT  
25   THIS IS JUST NOT SOME LITTLE SMALL LITTLE CHANGE ORDER OF ANY



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1 SORT THAT-- OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS AND  
2 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN AND I'D SORT OF  
3 LIKE TO HAVE -- OH, MAN, WE GOT THE WHOLE A TEAM HERE. WOW.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'LL SEE IF, COLLECTIVELY, THEY CAN ANSWER THE  
6 QUESTIONS.

7

8 **JIM NOYES, DIR. PUBLIC WORKS:** NO QUESTION WILL BE LEFT  
9 UNANSWERED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. THAT WILL BE UNUSUAL.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT WE WERE AFRAID OF.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OOH, OUCH! WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, JUST A  
16 GENERIC-- I MEAN, THE RESPONSE BEING, IT CAUGHT ZEV'S  
17 ATTENTION AS WELL AS MINE, AND WE'D JUST SORT OF LIKE TO KNOW--  
18 - I READ THE PLAN, YOU KNOW, THE POTENTIAL FIX BUT, OBVIOUSLY,  
19 THE CONCERN IS HOW WE LET THIS SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS TO PUT  
20 US IN THAT POSITION.

21

22 **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISOR JIM NOYES, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. IT WAS  
23 A SLIP; UNFORTUNATELY, IT WASN'T CAUGHT BY EITHER OURSELVES,  
24 THE CONTRACTOR, THE ARCHITECT OR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
25 FIRM. IT GOT TO THE POINT IN TIME WHERE WE DID DETECT THE FACT



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1 THAT THE WORK IN QUESTION, THE WATERPROOFING WORK, WE'VE KNOWN  
2 ABOUT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW, BUT IT DIDN'T COME TO OUR  
3 ATTENTION UNTIL EARLY IN FEBRUARY THAT IT WAS GOING TO CAUSE A  
4 SCHEDULING DELAY AND, WITH THE COOPERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES,  
5 THE CONTRACTOR, THE A.E. FIRM AND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
6 FIRM, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT TO  
7 COVER THE COSTS OF THIS. INSTEAD OF 7 MILLION PLUS, WE'VE  
8 NEGOTIATED AN \$850,000 FEE. WE WILL HAVE-- ARE PROPOSING AN  
9 EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT DURATION FOR OTHER PURPOSES, RAIN  
10 DELAYS, EVEN FIRE DELAYS, AND THE DELAYS THAT YOU APPROVED  
11 BACK IN SEPTEMBER, TO DELAY THE ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE 50  
12 DAYS UNTIL MARCH OF 2007. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO  
13 SEE IF WE CAN CUT BACK THAT 50-DAY DELAY BUT WHETHER OR NOT WE  
14 CAN DO THAT IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS AS THE PROJECT IS  
15 FINISHED, WE'RE NOT SURE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT WE'LL BE  
16 WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.  
17 WHAT WE'VE DONE, THE A.E. FIRM HAS ADDED ABOUT 10 PEOPLE TO  
18 ITS STAFF. THE C.M. FIRM HAS ADDED ABOUT TWO PEOPLE TO ITS  
19 STAFF AND WE DEVELOPED A NEW GAME PLAN THAT COVERS A COUPLE OF  
20 PAGES AND WE'D BE GLAD TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU IN ORDER TO SEE  
21 TO IT THAT THIS TYPE OF OCCURRENCE DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THE-- JUST A QUESTION ON  
24 THE, THE CONTINGENCY-- THIS THING IS COSTING YOU \$850,000. IS  
25 THAT WHAT'S BEEN NARROWED DOWN TO?



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2 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S COMING OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY IN  
5 THE PROJECT?

6

7 **JIM NOYES:** YES, SIR.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS 7% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT, RIGHT? THE  
10 CONTINGENCY FUND FOR THIS PROJECT IS EQUIVALENT OF 7% OF THE  
11 TOTAL?

12

13 **JIM NOYES:** NO, THE-- THIS WILL RAISE THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEEN  
14 SPENT OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO ABOUT 2-1/2 MILLION  
15 DOLLARS TOTAL. THAT IS ABOUT 7% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT IN THE  
16 CONTINGENCY FUND. WE'RE 25% THROUGH THE SCHEDULE OF THE  
17 PROJECT AND WE WILL HAVE SPENT ABOUT 7%, SO THAT'S DOING  
18 PRETTY GOOD, I THINK, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I WOULD SAY SO. SO I GUESS MY  
21 QUESTION, I'M NOT USED TO THAT KIND OF GOOD NEWS. WHAT'S WRONG  
22 WITH THIS PICTURE? SERIOUSLY, I MEAN, I-- WHY DO YOU THINK...

23

24 **JIM NOYES:** YOU MEAN, WHY ARE WE DOING SO GOOD?

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

2

3    **JIM NOYES:** I THINK WE'RE DOING GOOD BECAUSE WE DO HAVE, WE  
4    HAVE AN EXCELLENT STAFF ON THIS PROJECT, NOT ONLY INTERNALLY  
5    BUT WITH THE ARCHITECT AND THE C.M. FIRM AND A COOPERATIVE  
6    CONTRACTOR, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK EXTREMELY WELL OVER THE  
7    LAST YEAR SINCE CONSTRUCTION REALLY BEGAN.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE TOTAL CONTINGENCY ON THE PROJECT  
10   IN DOLLARS?

11

12   **JIM NOYES:** IT'S A LITTLE OVER 39 MILLION AND WE SPENT-- WITH  
13   THIS-- IF YOU MAKE THIS APPROVAL, IT WILL BE ABOUT TWO AND A  
14   HALF MILLION.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THE-- JUST OUR CURIOSITY, IS THE LATTER  
17   PART OF THIS PROJECT MORE PRONE TO EATING UP CONTINGENCIES  
18   THAN THE FORMER OR IS IT PRETTY MUCH A STRAIGHT LINE?

19

20   **JIM NOYES:** LET ME DEFER THAT TO BRAD BOLGER, OUR PROJECT  
21   MANAGER, SUPERVISOR.

22

23   **BRAD BOLGER:** I THINK, TRADITIONALLY, IN CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION  
24   PROJECTS, DUE TO UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS, GETTING OUT OF THE  
25   GROUND, MANY PROJECTS HAVE A BELL CURVE JUMP IN THE BEGINNING



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1 OF CONSTRUCTION. ONCE WE GET WHERE WE ARE NOW, WHICH, IF YOU  
2 WERE TO LOOK AT THE FACILITY, ALL THE STRUCTURAL STEEL IS UP  
3 FOR 1.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET. MOST OF THE PARTITION WALLS ARE  
4 UP IN THE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING ALREADY IN TERMS OF  
5 THE STUD WALLS OF THAT NATURE. I THINK THAT, AS WE GET FURTHER  
6 INTO THE MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING WORK IN THE  
7 CEILINGS, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE SOME CHANGE ORDERS AS A RESULT  
8 OF COORDINATION CONFLICTS BETWEEN THOSE TRADES WHEN THEY'RE  
9 TRYING TO GET ALL OF THOSE UTILITIES INTO THE CRAWL SPACE  
10 BETWEEN THE CEILINGS AND THE DECK ABOVE. THAT'S PRETTY COMMON.  
11 SO I THINK THAT WE'LL SEE SOME INCREASE IN CHANGE ORDER  
12 ACTIVITY THERE. WE HAVE SOME RISK, I WOULD SAY, IN MEDICAL  
13 EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION. WE HAVE ALMOST \$97 MILLION WORTH OF  
14 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE INSTALLED INTO THIS  
15 FACILITY AS FIXED EQUIPMENT. EACH ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS, BY  
16 NATURE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE DESIGNED AND CALLED OUT IN  
17 THE YEAR 2000, WE REVIEW THAT EVERY SIX MONTHS TO UPDATE IT,  
18 BUT EVERY TIME YOU UPDATE IT, EVEN IF YOU'RE USING THE EXACT  
19 SAME MANUFACTURER AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, OFTENTIMES BECAUSE  
20 OF TECHNOLOGY CHANGES, THE UTILITIES COME IN FROM VARIOUS  
21 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, SOMETIMES THE STRUCTURAL ATTACHMENTS ARE  
22 A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, AND SO YOU FIND YOURSELF HAVING TO DO  
23 DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THE CONTRACT  
24 DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY IDENTIFY.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION IS, GETTING  
2   BACK TO MY QUESTION IS, WHEN YOU STARTED THE ANSWER, I  
3   THOUGHT-- IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT MOST OF THE PROBLEMS  
4   THAT YOU GET IN THE CHANGE ORDER ARENA DO HAPPEN EARLY ON. YOU  
5   RUN INTO TOXICS, YOU RUN INTO THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER THING,  
6   AND STEEL IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE. AND THEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE  
7   SAYING THAT IT TOPS OFF. NOW, HAVE WE TOPPED OFF IN THE RISK  
8   AREA HERE, OR ARE WE...

9

10   **BRAD BOLGER:** I BELIEVE WE ARE IN A MOMENTARY LULL. ACTUALLY,  
11   IT WILL COME DOWN A LITTLE BIT. AND THEN, AS WE GET INTO THE  
12   MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, IT'LL COME BACK UP IN TERMS  
13   OF RISK AND THEN IT'LL START TO TAPER OFF NEAR THE END OF THE  
14   PROJECT.

15

16   **JIM NOYES:** AND OBVIOUSLY WE WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO  
17   MAKE SURE THAT SECONDARY PEAK DOESN'T GET TOO HIGH AND  
18   CERTAINLY IS WITHIN OUR CONTROL.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL, WHAT IS IT, \$200  
21   MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT THAT HASN'T BEEN PAID FOR?

22

23   **BRAD BOLGER:** THAT PORTION OF THE EQUIPMENT IS MOVEABLE  
24   EQUIPMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE



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1 RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING IN, AND IT ACTUALLY ROLLS IN, GETS  
2 DELIVERED AND PLUGGED INTO...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S THAT PERMANENT FIXTURE KIND OF...

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S THAT PERMANENT TEXTURE THAT HAS TO BE  
9 INSTALLED, LIKE THIS FIRST, RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S PART OF BEING ABLE TO RUN THE  
12 HOSPITAL?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S PART OF THE TOTAL COST, YES. ABSOLUTELY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT IT, YOU WON'T HAVE A HOSPITAL.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT, BUT THERE'S AN ENTIRE TEAM IN THE HEALTH  
19 DEPARTMENT THAT'S WORKING ON THAT MOVE TRANSITION AND  
20 PROCURING THAT EQUIPMENT RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I WOULD ADD ALSO, SUPERVISOR...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST SUGGESTING THAT THE EXTENT YOU CAN  
25 KEEP THE CONTINGENCY FUND FROM BEING RAIDED...



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2 **SPEAKER:** YOU WERE RIGHT ON TARGET WITH THAT. I MEAN, THAT'S  
3 WHY WE'RE WATCHING IT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. THAT'S-- IT GIVES YOU SOME MORE TO--  
6 SOME CUSHION FOR THE OTHER STUFF THAT YOU HAVEN'T PAID FOR  
7 YET.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I WANTED JUST TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT YOU DID  
10 ESTABLISH AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE  
11 GREAT PEOPLE WORKING ON IT BUT THERE IS A THREE-MEMBER OUTSIDE  
12 BOARD THAT IS SITTING ON THEM, MEETS REGULARLY, HARASSES THE  
13 HELL OUT OF THEM, BUT IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE PROJECT ON  
14 BEHALF OF THE BOARD. SO THAT IS VERY UNUSUAL. WE HAVEN'T HAD  
15 THAT BEFORE AND I THINK, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, THAT'S HAVING AN  
16 IMPACT ON THE PROJECT AS WELL. SO IT'S A COMBINATION OF  
17 THINGS.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, DAVID, BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO RAISE ONE  
20 MORE ITEM, THAT WE WILL BE BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT  
21 COUPLE OF MONTHS. IF YOU RECALL, WHEN YOU AWARDED THIS  
22 PROJECT, WE PROMISED YOU THAT WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH THE  
23 CONTRACTOR TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WAY THE  
24 PROJECT IS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT SACRIFICING SCOPE,  
25 QUALITY, OR THE SCHEDULE, AND I THINK WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT



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1 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH THEM AND OUR ARCHITECT TO TAKE  
2 APPROXIMATELY \$2.1 MILLION OUT OF THE PROJECT WITHOUT  
3 SACRIFICING ANY SCOPE OR QUALITY, WHICH MEANS WE'LL BE BACK TO  
4 THE BOARD FOR A DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER TO THE PROJECT TO PUT  
5 ANOTHER \$2.1 MILLION INTO THE CONTINGENCY AND OUT OF THE  
6 GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT.

7

8 **JIM NOYES, PUBLIC WORKS:** THAT WAS THE VALUE ENGINEERING  
9 PROGRAM THAT YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHEN THE  
10 BOARD AWARDED THE CONTRACT 15 MONTHS AGO.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR THE  
15 PROJECT MANAGER TO MEET WITH THE COUNTY'S ARCHITECT AND  
16 GENERAL CONTRACTOR?

17

18 **BRAD BOLGER:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. IF YOU LOOK AT THE  
19 CHRONOLOGY OF QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP WITH REGARDS TO THE SLAB  
20 ON GRADE AND THE WATERPROOFING ISSUES, THEY FIRST STARTED TO  
21 COME IN IN JUNE OF 2003 AND WE KNEW THE CRITICAL PATH ON THIS  
22 ISSUE TO GET THE FIRST SLAB ON GRADE AND THE INPATIENT TOWER  
23 COMPLETED WAS GOING TO BE IN JANUARY, LATE JANUARY OF 2004. WE  
24 CONDUCTED NO LESS THAN FIVE FORMAL MEETINGS TO JUMP ON THIS  
25 ISSUE IN THE EARLY MONTHS AND ACTUALLY HAD ALL PARTIES: THE



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1 ARCHITECTS, CONTRACTOR, AND OUR CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS NODDING  
2 THEIR HEADS UP AND DOWN LOOKING AT OVER 40 TO 50 DIFFERENT  
3 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTRACT  
4 DOCUMENTS. WE HAD THOSE COMPLETELY SETTLED AND THEN, WEEKS  
5 BEFORE IT WENT CRITICAL, THE CONTRACTOR ASKED INNUMEROUS OTHER  
6 QUESTIONS. WE HAD NOT ENOUGH TIME LEFT TO ACTUALLY COORDINATE  
7 ACCURATE, WELL-COORDINATED ANSWERS ACROSS SEVERAL DIFFERENT  
8 DISCIPLINES, AND THEN THERE WERE MULTIPLE REVISIONS OF SOME OF  
9 THOSE ANSWERS AS WE WERE MANAGING THAT ALMOST EVERY DAY IN  
10 SMALL GROUPS WITH THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR. HAD WE NOT CONDUCTED  
11 THAT, IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE THAN 65 DAYS. HOWEVER, WE'RE  
12 REMISS IN SEEING IT HAVE BEEN 65 DAYS AT ALL. WE'VE  
13 IMPLEMENTED SOME THINGS THAT I'VE IDENTIFIED IN OUR ACTION  
14 PLAN TO TRY TO MITIGATE THAT FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN.

15  
16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THE DELAYS BETWEEN  
17 THE COUNTY ARCHITECT AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR ARE... ELIMINATED?

18  
19 **BRAD BOLGER:** ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING IS OUR WEEKLY  
20 CONSTRUCTION MEETINGS. BUT, BEYOND THAT, WE'RE IMPLEMENTING  
21 WITH THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND THE ARCHITECTS, LOOK-AHEAD  
22 INTERDISCIPLINARY MEETINGS THAT WILL LOOK AND FORECAST OUT FOR  
23 THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION AS IF WE WERE DOING A  
24 CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW WITH THE CONTRACTOR IN THE ROOM  
25 FORCING THE QUESTIONS OUT OF THEM EARLY, AS IN THIS LAST



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1    ISSUE, IN SOME CASES, THEIR SUBCONTRACTORS JUST WEREN'T  
2    BRINGING THE QUESTIONS TO THE TABLE.

3

4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YEAH. I THINK YOU'VE ANSWERED, YOU  
5    KNOW, MOST OF THE QUESTIONS. I THINK THE CONCERN WAS THAT WE  
6    DO HAVE A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE ON THIS PROJECT AND FOR SOMETHING  
7    LIKE THIS TO MISS SO MANY EYES AND TAKE SO LONG TO REMEDY WAS  
8    A REAL CONCERN AND I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE WE WANT TO DEAL  
9    WITH. SO WE APPRECIATE YOU ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS. WITH THAT,  
10   THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR  
11   WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13   **JIM NOYES, D.P.W.:** THANK YOU.

14

15   **BRAD BOLGER, D.P.W.:** THANK YOU.

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THAT TAKES CARE OF THE REGULAR  
18   AGENDA. WE DO HAVE ADJOURNMENTS, STARTING WITH SUPERVISOR  
19   BURKE.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
22   MEMORY OF J. J. JACKSON, A LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES ROCK RADIO  
23   PERSONALITY. HE PASSED AWAY OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK AT THE  
24   AGE OF 62. HE MADE POP CULTURE HISTORY MORE THAN TWO DECADES  
25   AGO AS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL M.T.V. VEEJAYS. HIS PASSION FOR



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1 MUSIC AND HIS WELCOMING STYLE SET THE TONE FOR EARLY DAYS OF  
2 M.T.V.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S THE ONLY ADJOURNMENT I HAVE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A MOTION TO INTRODUCE, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
11 AS SOON AS SOMEBODY... I GUESS...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL PROCEED WITH MINE, ZEV, WHILE YOU LOOK  
14 FOR YOURS. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
15 SHIRLEY RAUH. SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE LONG-TIME FAMILY  
16 FRIENDS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HER HUSBAND WAS MY BOSS IN MY  
17 DAYS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND WES AND SHIRLEY HAVE BEEN  
18 DEAR FRIENDS. WES PASSED AWAY A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND SHIRLEY  
19 PASSED THIS LAST WEEK, SO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.  
20 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALBERT GARCIA, AN  
21 AMERICAN G.I. WHO FOUGHT TO PRESERVE THIS COUNTRY'S FREEDOM ON  
22 THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY AND DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. HE  
23 LIVED HIS LIFE WITH HONOR AND DIGNITY AND INSTILLED IN HIS  
24 FAMILY THE SAME VALUES IN LOVE OF COUNTRY THAT HE FOUGHT SO  
25 HARD TO DEFEND ON THE BATTLEFIELD. HIS DAUGHTER, MARGARET,



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1 PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE,  
2 JESSIE, HIS CHILDREN, ROSA AND ANTHONY, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND  
3 TWO GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. ROSA IS A RECENT COUNTY RETIREE FROM  
4 THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR RECORDER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
5 MEMORY OF MR. JOE SCATCHARD. JOE, SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER,  
6 SERVED AS TREASURER, CONTROLLER AUDITOR FOR THE R.T.D. AND  
7 RETIRED WHEN THE M.T.A. WAS FORMED IN 1987 AFTER 15 YEARS OF  
8 SERVICE. HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 4. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR  
9 CHILDREN, SONS, STEVE AND JAY, DAUGHTERS, JILL AND LESLIE,  
10 GRANDCHILDREN AND A GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY  
11 HIS NUMEROUS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND WITH THAT, SO ORDERED.  
12 ZEV?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO MAKE THE FINDING  
15 THAT THIS CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR OFFICE AFTER THE  
16 POSTING OF THE AGENDA. IT'S A REWARD MOTION SO THAT THE  
17 FINDING WILL BE PART OF THE MOTION. ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 2004, AT  
18 APPROXIMATELY 6:30 A.M., A HOUSE FIRE BROKE OUT ON CHENEY  
19 DRIVE IN A RURAL AND MOUNTAINOUS AREA OF THE UNINCORPORATED  
20 TOPANGA CANYON AREA WITHIN THE COUNTY'S HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.  
21 AN ALERT NEIGHBOR, NOTICING THE FIRE, RAN TO THE HOME AND WAS  
22 ABLE TO PUT IT OUT BEFORE IT CONSUMED THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE AND  
23 POSSIBLY SPREAD TO OTHER HOMES AND BRUSH IN THE AREA CAUSING A  
24 LARGER CONFLAGRATION. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME, THE PARENTS  
25 OF THE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN, WERE THANKFULLY AWAY THAT DAY AND



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1   THERE WERE NO INJURIES. HOWEVER, THE SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS  
2   HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL BUT OF A  
3   SUSPICIOUS NATURE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
4   IS SEEKING INFORMATION WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE ARREST OF THE  
5   PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARSON FIRE. THE FAMILY'S  
6   INSURANCE COMPANY IS OFFERING A \$5,000 REWARD AND I,  
7   THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFER A REWARD  
8   OF AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 TO ADD TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY REWARD  
9   FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,000 FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE  
10  ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
11  STARTING THE ARSON FIRE ON 20859 CHENEY DRIVE ON FEBRUARY  
12  14TH.

13

14  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE DO HAVE A STANDING ITEM, SO YOU  
15  CAN DO THAT UNDER, I THINK IT'S ITEM 31 ON THIS AGENDA.

16

17  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, FINE. SORRY.

18

19  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
20  WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ANY OTHER  
21  ADJOURNMENTS?

22

23  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO NOT HAVE ANY AT THIS TIME.

24

25  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE  
3 MOVE IN OUR ADJOURNMENTS FOR GILBERT MOORE, WHO WAS A RESIDENT  
4 OF LA CRESCENTA FOR 65 YEARS. HE WAS A VETERAN EDUCATOR AND  
5 FORMER PROFESSOR AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. ALSO WAS INVOLVED  
6 WITH THE SPONSORING OF FOREIGN STUDENTS FROM KOREA AND  
7 HONDURAS AND SERVED AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE L.A.  
8 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM 1965 TO '72 AND WAS RESPONSIBLE  
9 FOR IMPLEMENTING THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK FOR THE  
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT. BLANCHE WEAVER LOWE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH  
11 7TH. SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE, MANY YEARS IN THE SAN  
12 GABRIEL VALLEY WHERE SHE SERVED ON THE SAN GABRIEL RECREATION  
13 COMMISSION, CO-FOUNDED THE LOWE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL ECONOMY  
14 AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, WAS ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF  
15 SPASTIC CHILDREN LEAGUE OF PASADENA AND THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE  
16 OF VENTURA COUNTY AND HER HUSBAND WAS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND  
17 C.E.O. OF NEWHALL LAND BACK MANY YEARS AGO. SHE PASSED AWAY AT  
18 THE AGE OF 95, THIRD GENERATION CALIFORNIAN. AND JESSE  
19 CASTILLO, WHO IS THE UNCLE TO MY SECRETARY AND HER HUSBAND,  
20 DENNIS DUARTE, WHO WAS AN ARMY VETERAN WHERE HE LOST HIS  
21 EYESIGHT. HE WAS WITH THE U.S. ARMY'S 503RD PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
22 REGIMENT DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN VETERANS  
23 ASSOCIATION AND HISPANIC AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION. AND MARY  
24 MALOUF, WHO WAS...

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WANT TO JOIN. JESSE WAS MY LIEUTENANT  
2   GOVERNOR WHEN I WAS GOVERNOR OF THE OPTIMISTS.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...WHO WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND  
5   WAS A PHILANTHROPIST, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 AND SHE  
6   LEAVES HER HUSBAND OF 65 YEARS AND THREE CHILDREN AND TWO  
7   SISTERS. AND STUART NORBY, WHO WAS A NAVAL VETERAN OF WORLD  
8   WAR II. HE WAS C.P.A. WITH THE FIRM YESSNER, HUGHES AND NORBY,  
9   ACTIVE IN THE FOUNDING OF THE FELLOW OF CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN  
10   UNIVERSITY AND SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF SOLHEIM LUTHERAN  
11   HOME IN EAGLE ROCK. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS AND A  
12   SISTER.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? DOES  
15   SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS? OKAY. PUBLIC  
16   COMMENTS.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE OTHER THING. I WON'T READ THE WHOLE  
19   MOTION BUT I WANT TO POSE IT FOR NEXT WEEK. THAT THE BOARD OF  
20   SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CREATE A  
21   POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF NURSING CARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22   HEALTH SERVICES. THAT NEW POSITION, WITH AN APPROPRIATE BUT  
23   MODEST SUPPORT STAFF, SHOULD BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE  
24   DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR '04/'05 FOR BOARD



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1 CONSIDERATION DURING THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. THAT WILL BE  
2 FOR NEXT WEEK. I JUST WANTED TO GET THAT OUT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, MR. CHAIRMAN, ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
5 DR. PICKERING, THE VISIONARY OF J.P.L. CAL-TECH, WHO PASSED  
6 AWAY AND, BILL, WAS HE 98? 95?

7

8 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** 93.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 93 YEARS OF AGE AND, THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP  
11 AND WISDOM NOT JUST TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT TO THE  
12 UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD ON OUR SPACE PROGRAM AND PERSONAL  
13 FRIEND OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL'S, BILL PELLMAN. ADJOURN IN HIS  
14 MEMORY AND SUITABLE PROCLAMATIONS TO HIS FAMILY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
17 WARREN WILLIAMS.

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19 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE ARE REPRESENTING, ON  
20 THE FIRST ISSUE, THE COALITION FOR BLACK'S BEST INTERESTS.  
21 APRIL THE 18TH IS ALREADY SET ASIDE FOR WORLDWIDE REPARATIONS  
22 REMEMBRANCE DAY. WHAT WE'RE ASKING, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND THIS  
23 BOARD, WILL PROCLAIM APRIL THE 18TH, 2004, AS LOS ANGELES  
24 BLACK HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND REPARATIONS DAY. IT IS  
25 IMPERATIVE AND IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THERE WAS A



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1 BLACK HOLOCAUST. WE'RE ASKING THAT-- WE'VE ALREADY ASKED THE  
2 CITY FOR THE USE OF LAMERT PARK FROM NOON TO FOUR P.M. AND  
3 ALSO TO HAVE MEMORIALS SET UP AT THE LOCATION, LIKE AN ISLAND,  
4 WHERE CRENSHAW LA LAMER STREET PARKS. SO BUILDING ESTEEM,  
5 REPARATIONS DOESN'T ONLY MEAN MONEY. REPARATION, MORE THAN  
6 ANYTHING, MEANS RESTORE AND REPAIR, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE IS  
7 A LOT OF ELEMENTS IN OUR SOCIETY THAT DEMANDS THAT THERE IS  
8 GREATER FOCUS ON THE REPAIR AND THE RESTORAL OF A LOT OF BLACK  
9 PEOPLE'S LIVES AND CONDITIONS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE  
10 ASKING THAT-- AND IT'S A SEPARATE ITEM, BUT WE'RE ASKING THAT  
11 THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS OF THE JAILS WILL BE CORRECTED THAT  
12 HAVE BEEN HOLDING CHILDREN. IF YOU RECALL SOME MONTHS AGO, TWO  
13 PRIESTS WENT TO THE JAIL, THEY FOUND THE CONDITIONS  
14 DEPLORABLE. FOLLOWING THAT, THE COUNTY STATED THAT THERE WAS  
15 NOT ENOUGH FUNDS BUT THOSE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE HOUSED IN  
16 DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. WE'RE ASKING THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT AND THOSE THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE PRISON OR JAIL,  
18 RATHER, WHERE A KINDRED JOHNSON WAS ALLEGED TO COMMIT SUICIDE,  
19 WILL COME TO A MEETING THIS SATURDAY AT 5730 CRENSHAW. AND  
20 WE'RE ALSO ASKING THAT THE GRAND JURY AND THIS BOARD WILL HAVE  
21 AN INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT 67 BECAUSE ANN JOPLIN OF THEIR  
22 FAMILY VALUATION WAS IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO TESTIFY  
23 PRETENDING TO BE AN EVALUATOR WHEN SHE WORKED 14 YEARS AT THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE KNOWING THAT I HAVE  
25 THREE LAWSUITS AGAINST THEM.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP THERE,  
3 WARREN?

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5 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** YES. SO, THEREFORE, WE'RE ASKING AN  
6 INVESTIGATION WILL BE DONE OF THAT DEPARTMENT, OF DEPARTMENT  
7 67. THE FINAL COMMENT IS, AGAIN, ON ASKING THAT THERE BE A  
8 TOWN HALL MEETING, GLORIA MOLINA, YOU KIND OF EITHER RECOMMEND  
9 OR ALLUDED TO IT BUT THAT PERHAPS WE COULD USE YOUR BOARDROOM  
10 HERE ON A SATURDAY AT THE END OF MAY. WE HAD A COUPLE OF  
11 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ON D.C.F.S. BUT IT NEEDS TO BE LOCAL  
12 HERE IN L.A., CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND, AND BE  
13 ACCOMMODATING FOR IT AT THE END OF MAY, A PUBLIC D.C.F.S.  
14 HEARING. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WARREN. OKAY. THERE BEING NO  
17 FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BOARD, IF YOU'LL READ US INTO  
18 CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

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20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
21 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
23 1, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
24 LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD



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1 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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